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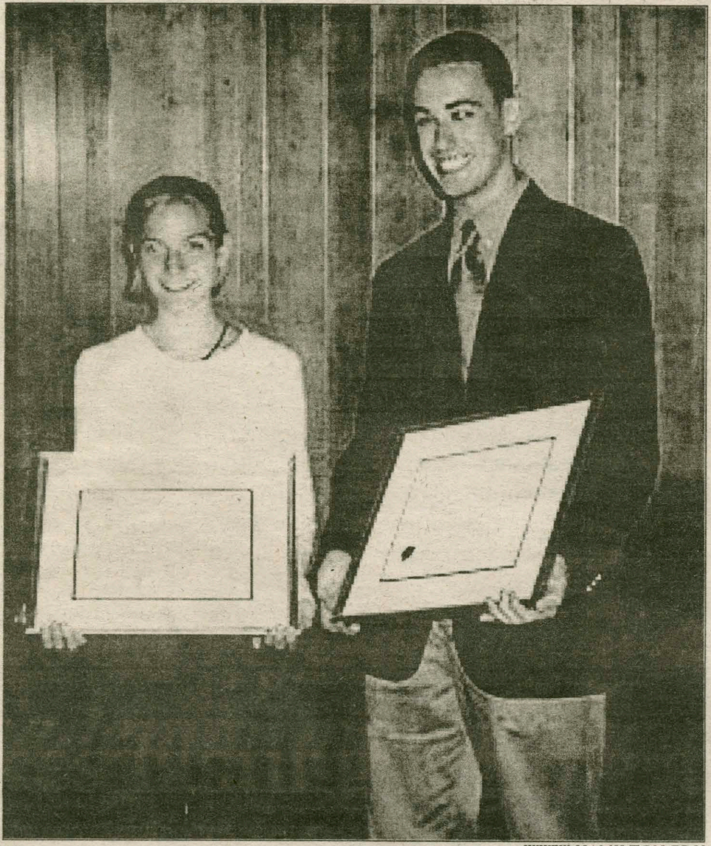

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Maggie Hanson '02 and Eric Schwenker '02 display their awards following the Riffle Dinner on Thursday night. The Riffle Awards honor the top senior athletes.

College honors top senior athletes

Hanson, Schwenker receive Riffle Award

by Sarah Karalunas '04
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MANAGING EDITOR

Hamilton College honored track star Maggie Hanson '02 and exceptional swimmer Eric Schwenker '02 as its top senior athletes at the 15th annual Riffle Award Dinner on Thursday evening.

"It was definitely a surprise. I was really excited," said Schwanker.

Schwanker pointed out that the award being given to himself and Hanson was particularly fitting because the two had been on the same Adirondack Adventure trip and had been friends throughout their four years at Hamilton.

The Riffle Award, established in 1987, is given to the top male and female senior athletes in the school. Recipients are chosen from a list of athletes who have been nominated by their coaches based upon outstanding athletic performance and adherence to ideals such as sportsmanship, competitiveness, and school spirit.

After nominating players from each of Hamilton's athletic teams, coaches vote on the outstanding male and female among them. The choice generally comes down to the two athletes who the coaches feel has done the most for the athletic department by bringing recognition and success to Hamilton athletics.

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Student hospitalized following incident involving society members

by Sarah Karalunas '04
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Campus Safety is currently investigating an incident involving society members that resulted in a freshman girl being treated for alcohol poisoning at a hospital in Utica, confirmed Night Director of Campus Safety Wayne Gentile.

The incident occurred just after midnight on May 2, said Director of Campus Safety Pat Ingalls.

Ingalls said that Campus Safety will conduct interviews with members of the group involved and pass the results of the investigation on to the Judicial Board.

Due to the on-going investigation, Director of Student Activities Lisa Magnarelli and President of InterSociety Council Dave Lyons '03 did not comment.

Members of the society involved also declined comment.

Class of 2006 reflects "steady trend of academic improvement"

by Kathleen M. McGrory '05
NEWS EDITOR

Potential members of the Class of 2007, listen up! Hamilton College is raising its standards for admissions. As the Office of Admission is currently in the process of finalizing the statistics for the incoming class of 2006, it has proudly pronounced that this year, the College's rate of admission has held steady at a low 35%. While this number is the same as it was last year, the percent of students accepted represents the lowest number since Hamilton and Kirkland Colleges merged two decades ago.

"Last year, virtually every admission metric was at its best level since the Colleges merged two decades ago. This year, it appears that spike was actually the beginning of a new plateau," said Dean of Admission Rit Fuller.

According to the Office of Admission, next year's freshman class, allowing for the summer melt, will end up at or near the goal of 475 students. Because of the current number of students at Hamilton, nobody from the waitlist will be admitted to the College. Moreover, Fuller predicts it unlikely that any transfer students will be admitted.

The academic statistics for the class of 2006 show the rising trend of the quality of Hamilton students. The average SAT score for members of the Class of 2006 is approximately 1300, a small but significant jump from last year's average SAT score of 1276. While the Office of Admission did not require applicants for the Class of 2006 to submit SAT I scores, Fuller stated that this rise in scores was not only the result of this new policy. "It was half from the new policy, but half of the scores were just plain higher," he said. Moreover, Fuller noted that the rising SAT scores marked a trend; when viewed in comparison to 2000's average SAT score of 1247, Hamilton average SAT scores seem to be rising at an average of thirty points per year. Of the members of the Class of

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Shaye, Porter named Fulbright scholars

David Shaye '02 will research health care and the spread of HIV in Dominica

by Kat Lexa '05
NEWS WRITER

Not many people enter college with a clear idea of what they want to give to the world. Still fewer students graduate with the same ambitions. David Shaye is one of those dreamers. A member of Hamilton College's graduating class of 2002, he runs across campus with of those bright orange EMT bags. With a major in physics, a minor in chemistry, and a pre-med concentration, David has spent the last four years immersed in science and medicine. Now, David will put his knowledge to the test as he prepares to go abroad next fall on a Fulbright Grant.

The scholarship is one of the most prestigious, and competitive, of all the post-baccalaureate awards. Senator J. William Fulbright established the scholarship fund in 1946 to further understanding between the United States and foreign nations. The financial support provided to American graduate students gives them the opportunity to travel to participating nations and teach or continue advanced research. 51 countries have arrangements with the United States to exchange students, knowledge, and skills in an effort to bring the world's people closer together.

While at Hamilton, David had the opportunity to design his own independent study abroad. David chose to devise a project that took him across the Atlantic to Malawi, Africa. During his three-week stay, David studied the treatment of HIV/AIDS in the rural communities. "I wanted to go to Africa because in the future, I want to work and live in either Africa or Asia," says David. "This project allowed me to stay overseas, work in a Malawian rural hospital, and see some of the health problems in a sub-Saharan country."

David Shaye's Fulbright grant will allow him to study the HIV/AIDS epidemic in Dominica. According to David, "I chose Dominica (which is different from the Dominican Republic) because after sub-Saharan Africa, the Caribbean has the fastest growing per capita rate of HIV." On his Fulbright scholarship, David will spend a year researching the current health care systems in Dominica and how HIV is spread.

PHOTO BY CHRIS FOGELSTROM '03

David Shaye '02.

David's graduate research will place him with Dominica's Ministry of Health, where he will be working on an evaluation of the country's current medical re-

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Porter '02 to teach English in Austria

by Kathleen M. McGrory '05
NEWS EDITOR

When Charlotte Porter '02 graduates later this month, she will do so with a bachelor of arts in anthropology. Four years ago, however, Porter never dreamed that she would leave Hamilton with a degree in anthropology, or that her interest in this discipline would take her overseas to teach.

"At one point I really thought I was going to be an English major," she said. "I ended up taking an introductory course in anthropology and

PHOTO COURTESY OF CHARLOTTE PORTER
Charlotte Porter '02.

found it to be a very interesting discipline. The department is great; I've had a great experience with it."

Porter's love of foreign cultures led her to apply for a Fulbright Teaching Assistantship, an honor which she was awarded this semester. As a result, Porter will be traveling to Austria later this year as part of a program sponsored by the Austrian Fulbright Commission; the Commission facilitates the placement of U.S. citizens in the Austrian Ministry of Education, Science and Culture's English Teaching Assistantship Program. Porter will serve as a teacher's assistant in an English language classroom.

In addition to the knowledge she has acquired as an anthropology major, the senior will also be utilizing her German language skills. As a German minor, Porter found the decision to study this discipline easy to make. "I wanted to keep up with the language so that I'd be able to go abroad," she said.

In fact, the senior loved to travel so much that she decided to spend two semesters abroad; Porter spent the fall semester of her junior year in Melbourne, Australia, and the spring semester in Vienna, Austria.

While *down-under*, Porter studied with the Multicultural Society of Australia. In addition to spending eight weeks living with an Australian family, she also spent three weeks conducting field studies concentrated on Aboriginal groups. "While in Australia, I had the opportunity to do an independent study project," Porter explained. "I spent time in an urban aboriginal high school, where I focused my efforts on studying the aboriginal identity. Although I wasn't teaching, I was working first-hand with the students; the experience was amazing," she added.

Porter also spent time in Vienna, a country she came to love. As a foreign exchange student, she lived in the city and spent her time taking courses and interning for Green Peace.

Porter was inspired by the time she spent abroad; moreover, she was motivated to teach by her experiences with HAVOC. As a sophomore, Porter volunteered as an English-language tutor in Utica, a position she reassumed upon returning to the Hill her senior year. Porter was so enthusiastic about the program that she was one of three project heads this year. "I had never thought about it beforehand, but I really got a taste for teaching as an ESL tutor. It was a very exciting experience," Porter said. "It is amazing how much you can learn from other people."

Porter, who acknowledges that teaching may be in her future, is looking forward to spending time abroad.

College 130 reunion analyzes past, future of unique course

Former students of *Coming of Age in America* meet in Little Pub to show support for the "freshmen-only" course

by Stephanie Valle '05
NEWS WRITER

Former College 130 students from every class year here on the Hill gathered Monday evening in the Little Pub for a reunion focusing on both the past and future of the course. Titled "Coming of Age in America: Narratives of Difference," the course focuses on a variety of issues relating to culture, race, class, gender, disability, and sexual orientation and is offered solely to incoming freshmen.

"You talked about issues that you normally wouldn't with people you normally wouldn't," said Liz Backer '04, who took the course last year. The course was offered as a way to give freshmen the opportunity to be in a class with only other first-years and be able to meet them on a level that most classes don't allow.

"It was invented as a way to put into practice our vision - which is to make Hamilton a more welcoming place and teach people how to talk about issues," said Nancy Rabinowitz, who has taught the course since its inception. The reunion offered students the opportunity to reflect on what they gained by taking the class as well as a way to connect with their former classmates and students from other sections and years. In the last four years, over 250 students have taken the class.

Many students emphasized how much the course affected them during the open discussion that Rabinowitz prompted. "I think a lot of people in my class felt it was a very safe space," said Jon Fiedler '02. "It was a space where personal issues could intersect with academic issues." Most of the students in attendance also felt that the bonds they formed with their classmates during the discussions lasted far past the end of the semester.

"It's like a family," said Backer. "It was really good to meet people I maybe never would know otherwise," added Erin Root '02. Some students also felt that the connections they developed with the other students even helped their social life on campus. "Combined, we hooked up with 50% of the boys in our class," said two reunion attendees who wished to remain anonymous. Students from previous years of the class also lived with or near students in their section, which furthered dialogues outside of the classroom.

Students also felt that the course was particularly beneficial due to the fact that it's offered only to first-years and in the first semester. "These issues need to be discussed as soon as you get to school," said Kristin Merriman '04. Another member of the discussion echoed this sentiment. "I think it was really good being in the first semester, particularly because it was a value-pressing seminar," she said. "It set the stage for how I dealt with other issues and other classes."

Rabinowitz felt that the reunion and the ideas and suggestions that developed out of discussion were especially pressing given the uncertainty that surrounds the future of College 130. She distributed surveys to all the students in attendance and listened to the ideas students had for making the course even better. With the addition of sophomore seminars, which the Class of 2005 will first start taking in the fall, there is discussion as to whether or not there is still a need for freshmen seminars. One idea is to incorporate parts of the course into other courses if there is not a need for the whole course.

A lot of the students at the reunion felt, however, that the course should continue in order to afford future Hamilton freshmen the opportunity they had. "It's a class where you can get really passionate about things," said one member of the discussion "there was something everyone cared about."

Despite assassination, Dutch continue elections

by Chris Takacs '05
FEATURES EDITOR

Dutch right-wing leader Pim Fortuyn, whose anti-immigrant stance won surprising support in the Netherlands in March's local election, was shot six times on Monday, March, 6th in Amsterdam. An environmentalist and animal rights activist who was found nearby with a pistol and matching ammunition at home has been charged with the murder.

Prime Minister Kok stated at the Hague that "after this assassination, Pim Fortuyn is gone... This is a deep tragedy. I am shocked. This is a deep tragedy for those close to him, for his loved ones, and for our country and our democracy."

Fortuyn (pronounced fore-TOWN, who was 54 at the time of his death, was leaving a 3FM radio interview in Hilversum, 10 miles southeast of Amsterdam, when he was shot in the head, neck and chest. The radio interviewer stated that police with dogs chased after a man who they thought was the assailant. EMTs tried for about an hour to revive him on the spot before confirming his death.

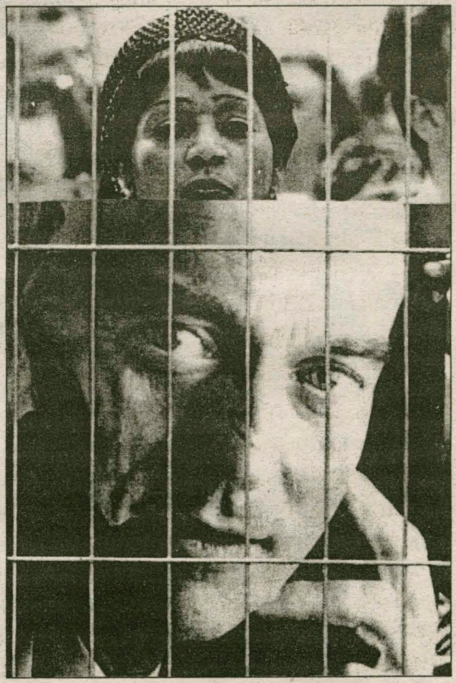
European ministers and officials reacted to the murder the next day. Far-right groups across Europe openly condemned the slaying. It is madness,'' extreme-right Freedom Party spokesman Karl Schweitzer said. "It always starts with verbal violence, and in that respect some serious disarmament will be needed."

Frank Vanhecke, leader of Belgium's Vlaams Blok, a Flemish nationalist party, stated that "the attack was only possible in an increasing frictional climate against anyone who is willing to question political correctness." The assailants "are using this climate to undertake misdeeds, even to the point of murder."

Both the left and center condemned the acts. England's Prime Minister Tony Blair stated that he "shares the sense of real shock there will be in the Netherlands...No matter what feelings political figures arouse, the ballot box is the place to express them."

Fortuyn, who led an openly gay lifestyle, was highly critical of the current national government, calling Kok's eight-year political coalition "a mess." Fortuyn strongly opposed loose immigration laws, insisting that high crime rates in the Netherlands are the result of a high Muslim population. "Islam separates people. They see us as inferior. Moroccan boys never steal from a Moroccan, did you ever notice that?'' he told the newspaper *De Volkskrant*, later calling the religion backward. His policies have been compared to those of France's recentl- defeated Jean-Marie Le Pen and Austria's Joerg Haider, claims he denied. "My policies are multiethnic and certainly not racist,'' he stated. "I want to stop the influx of new immigrants. This way, we can give those who are already here the opportunity to completely integrate into our society."

Fortuyn's party won 35 percent of the Rotterdam local elections last March, causing many local critics to suggest that he has tapped into hidden racist feelings in the Netherlands. Other analysts mark his relative success alongside those of the far-right in France and Austria, noting a common rise in anti-immigrant and Euro-skeptic feelings in Europe. Others dismiss those claims, suggesting that the far right is no more popular, simply more visible. Nevertheless, he was excepted by most Dutch media to play a major role in deciding the upcoming national elections, though not expected to win.



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A woman holds a poster of Pim Fortuyn as she waits to pay her respects to the assassinated politician.

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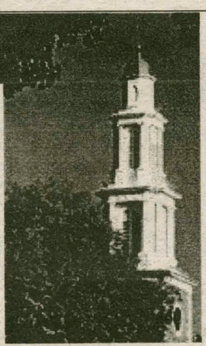

THE NEWS AT COLLEGES ACROSS THE LAND

Compiled by Chris Takacs '05

Washington State U. Students Implicated in National Test-Taking Scandal

(U-WIRE) PULLMAN, Wash. — The FBI has been busy.

Around the country, 58 people have been arrested for allegedly cheating on a test that measures foreign students' command of English. Two of those arrests were made in Pullman, Wash., Tuesday morning.

Two Washington State University students were arrested: Sultan A. Zaabi, freshman mechanical engineering major from the United Arab Emirates, and Khalid A. Al-Jebreen, economics graduate student from Saudi Arabia, said Joe Barnes, WSU director of strategic communication and media relations.

In Washington state nine arrests have been made — four on the east side and five on the west side, Barnes said. All of the defendants are charged with conspiracy to commit wire fraud, which carries a maximum penalty of five years in prison and a $250,000 fine. Arrests were made in 12 other states and Washington, D.C.

The arrested WSU students were scheduled for a bail setting or detainment hearing in front of the U.S. magistrate at 4 p.m. Tuesday in Spokane, Wash., Barnes said.

Though little information has been made available, according to a U.S. Justice Department Web site, the arrests were part of a nationwide sweep of students and test-takers charged with paying someone else to take the Test of English as a Foreign Language, commonly known as the TOEFL exam, at Educational Testing Services testing centers in the US.

Pipe Bomb Suspect Writes U. Wisconsin Badger Herald Before Apprehension

(U-WIRE) MADISON, Wis. — The Badger Herald at University of Wisconsin-Madison received a letter from pipe bomb suspect and Univeristy of Wisconsin-Stout junior Luke John Helder postmarked Omaha, Neb., Friday. The Herald turned the letter over to the FBI Tuesday afternoon.

The FBI took Helder into custody at 6:55 p.m. CST about 90 miles northeast of Reno, Nev., for his connection with recent pipe bombings in mailboxes throughout the rural Midwest. Police surrounded him in Nevada at 6 p.m. Tuesday before arresting him after he dropped a gun out of his car window. At least one other gun was found in the car and bomb squads found explosives, possibly pipe bombs.

Helder was charged in Iowa with using an explosive to maliciously destroy property affecting interstate commerce and using a destructive device to commit a crime of violence. Helder faces up to life in prison and fines of $250,000.

After his license plate was broadcast nationwide, a motorist on Interstate 80 spotted his vehicle and notified authorities. The FBI then called Helder on his cell phone and began negotiations and got him to slow down.

Helder said he would surrender if he was not harmed.

Geffen Donates $200M to UCLA School of Medicine

(U-WIRE) LOS ANGELES — DreamWorks co-founder David Geffen's donation of $200 million in "unrestricted" funds to the UCLA School of Medicine on Tuesday marks the largest donation to the University of California ever.

"UCLA is delighted by this historic and munificent gift," Chancellor Albert Carnesale said in a statement. "Mr. Geffen exemplifies the spirit of humanitarian giving."

Geffen's gift will trigger the medical school to change its name to the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA and will provide administrators with a more flexible budget.

Currently, only 13 percent of the school's funding comes from the state, leaving it to rely on private donations to meet the rest of its needs.

Geffen's donation is rare due to its "unrestricted" nature, which means administrators can use the money for projects or areas as they see fit rather than for specified purposes as set forth by the donor, said Dr. Gerald Levey, dean of the school.

Unrestricted money is "the hardest money to come by" and highly treasured by researchers and institutions because of its flexible nature, Levey said.

Examples of what the $200 million may be used for include research for gene therapy and supporting medical scientist programs.

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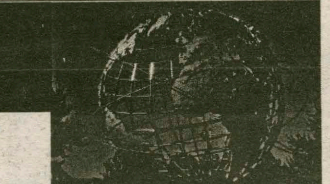

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34 Killed During Russian Celebration

KASPIISK, Russia (AP) - A remote-controlled bomb shattered a holiday parade Thursday in a Russian town near Chechnya, killing at least 34 people, including children, elderly veterans and members of a marching band that had just struck up the tune "Victory Day."

Vladmir Putin AP

Streams of blood trickled down the tree-lined road after the blast, which injured about 150. A mangled drum heaped with flowers lay next to a pile of abandoned horns and an empty boot.

No one claimed responsibility, but regional officials blamed Islamic militants who have organized previous attacks in the restive region, Dagestan. A 1996 blast in a Kaspiisk building that housed Russian border guards killed 68 people. Officials never determined who was responsible, but many blamed Chechen rebels.

On Thursday, a marine band had just started playing the namesake song of Victory Day, which honors the anniversary of the Allied defeat of the Nazis in World War II. Children ran in front, cheered on by veterans, as the musicians and other servicemen headed to the cemetery in the Caspian Sea port of Kaspiisk for a wreath-laying ceremony. Then the bomb - an anti-personnel mine, packed with metal fragments, according to witnesses - blew up.

Nepal Rebel Leader Offers Cease-Fire

KATMANDU, Nepal (AP) - The rebel leader fighting to overthrow the country's constitutional monarchy offered a monthlong cease-fire in the six-year guerrilla war Thursday, after a week of fierce fighting in which the government said hundreds of combatants were killed.

A signed statement by Pushpin Kaman Doha, known as Prachand, was faxed to news media and government offices. Nepalese newspapers reported a week ago they had received a statement from Prachand in which he offered to restart peace talks, which broke off last year. The government rejected that offer, saying the guerrillas must stop fighting.

"We are offering a cease-fire for a month from May 15," said the statement issued on Thursday.

It added, however, "Even during the period of cease-fire, if the government does not stop the killings of the sons and daughters of the nation, the oppression and the anti-national acts, we will be compelled to launch an even more deadly and decisive war."

In advance of the cease-fire offer, guerrilla forces withdrew from a western Nepal stronghold after fierce fighting that reportedly killed 350 people. The advancing Nepalese army was searching for bodies and booby traps.

Thousands Flee Liberian Fighting

GBARNGA, Liberia (AP) - Rebels attacked the central stronghold of President Charles Taylor on Thursday in some of the fiercest fighting of Liberia's 3-year-old insurrection, sending frightened, wounded civilians caught in the cross fire fleeing by the thousands.

Screaming in pain, women and children with gunshot wounds - sustained in what authorities said was fighting between government forces and rebels - filled a hospital in the stronghold town, Gbarnga.

Nurses and doctors struggled overnight to find a means to evacuate the injured and dying as fighting engulfed the town.

Most medical workers already had had fled their posts there "for fear of their lives," nurse Mary Teah said late Wednesday, as doctors treated a wailing 4-year-old boy who had been shot in the shoulder.

Elsewhere in the hospital, dozens of women wailed from the agony of their own bullet wounds. Many of the women had been shot directly in the abdomen, medical workers said.

The flight comes as rebels of the shadowy Liberians United for Reconciliation and Democracy are intensifying their offensive against Taylor's forces in the heart of the West African nation.

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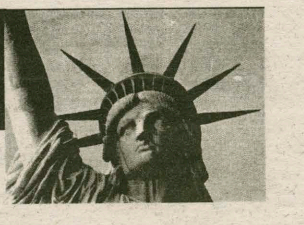

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Construction to Start at Ground Zero

NEW YORK (AP) - The discovery of body parts has slowed to a trickle, the rubble is almost gone and soon all that will remain is a pit seven stories deep.

Within a month, the painstaking, around-the-clock effort to remove debris and search for remains at the World Trade Center site will be finished and the focus will turn to building a new cultural, business and transit center.

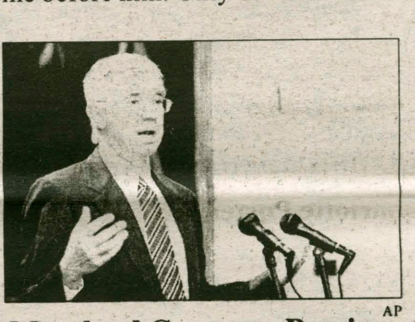
Work already has begun on rebuilding the commuter train and subway stations demolished by the fallen twin towers, which left an estimated 1.7 million tons of rubble piled 10 stories high at the 15-block site.

No human remains other than small bones have been found in the past two weeks, and city officials predict the recovery operation will end later this month. Fewer than 120,000 tons of rubble are left.

Death Penalty Moratorium in Maryland

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (AP) - Gov. Parris Glendening imposed a moratorium Thursday on executions in Maryland until the state completes a study of whether there is racial bias in the use of the death penalty.

Glendening issued a stay on the execution of Wesley Eugene Baker, who was scheduled to die by injection sometime next week, and said he would stay any other executions that come before him. Only one other state that has capital punishment, Illinois, has imposed a similar moratorium.



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Maryland Governor Parris Glendening at a press conference Thursday.

Baker is one of 13 men - nine of them black - awaiting execution in Maryland.

Glendening, who supports the death penalty for especially heinous crimes, had been under pressure to halt executions until he receives a study that is due to be completed in September by a researcher at the University of Maryland.

Glendening said he would not lift the moratorium until the study is completed and reviewed by the state legislature, which he estimated would be in about a year.

Lt. Gov. Kathleen Kennedy Townsend, who also supports the death penalty in limited cases, asked Glendening last week to impose a moratorium until he receives the study the governor requested two years ago.

Papers: Suspect Had WTC Diagram

NORFOLK, Va. (AP) - An investigation into an alleged scheme to obtain fraudulent student visas turned up a student Federal Aviation Administration flight manual, a hand-drawn diagram of a plane striking one of the World Trade Center towers and a date book with a lone entry: Sept. 11, according to court documents.

According to documents the FBI filed to justify additional search warrants, authorities also seized from the same location in Virginia photos of men posing outside and inside the trade center, a postcard with an aerial view of the Pentagon and a book identifying commercial airliners.

The materials were seized on or about Dec. 7, when a search warrant issued in the Eastern District of Virginia authorized a search of a location used by one of the students allegedly involved in the scheme, according to the affidavit filed this week in federal court in Norfolk.

The document did not give an address or other details about the location. An FBI spokesman declined to comment Thursday.

The Virginian-Pilot of Norfolk, citing sources it did not identify, reported that the location was a home in northern Virginia.

Hamilton senior interviews spokesperson for Gush Shalom

by Joe Livingston '02
NEWS WRITER

On Tuesday night a Hamas (a Palestinian Islamicist group) member set off a suicide bomb in an Israeli pool hall, killing 16 Israelis and wounding dozens of others. While most Israelis called for a crushing revenge against terrorist targets and an end to Chairman Arafat's rule, five Israeli Jews who are members of an Israeli peace organization called Gush Shalom (block of peace) had other plans. On Wednesday afternoon, the five Israelis, along with 20 international peace activists, headed to Arafat's headquarters in Ramallah. They informed the Israeli military of their decision in the hope that this would prevent a dangerous counter-attack on the compound or an attempt to bring about Arafat's exile. On Thursday morning, I conducted a phone interview with Adam Keller, one of the five Israelis and the spokesperson for Gush Shalom, while he remained in Arafat's compound. Mr. Keller also had the opportunity to speak directly with Chairman Arafat.

Mr. Keller made it clear that action was necessary to prevent harm to the Palestinian leader. It was largely thought that Israel might take direct action against Arafat. "Killing Arafat would be a disaster for both peoples," he said. He noted that once Gush Shalom came to the compound, they conducted a press conference, and it "was announced on Israeli television that we are here." Mr. Keller insinuated the almost constant attempt of the Israeli military not to harm Jewish Israeli citizens or international citizens during its military attacks. Mr. Keller realizes that Gush Shalom action is not popular among most Israeli Jews. "I suppose a lot of people don't approve. Arafat is not the most popular figure in Israel. There has been a systematic demonizing of Arafat." In spite of this, Keller admitted, "We are not afraid of doing something that is not popular." He noted that activists had taken similar steps in Lebanon following the massive Israeli invasion of Beirut in 1982. Mr. Keller said with a sense of responsibility, "We are trying to educate the Israeli people."

Gush Shalom holds vastly different ideas on how to solve the problem of terrorism than the mainstream Israeli populace. Keller noted, "The only way to stop the bombing is to take away the motivation." Keller condemned the bombings, but sees ending the occupation as the necessary step to ensure Israeli security. Keller felt that Israelis will respond with military means instead. "Sharon will try to solve this using brute force, which is futile," said Keller. He does not place the blame for the last attack on Chairman Arafat. "Arafat has no involvement with activities launched by Hamas; they have their own interests and own agenda that is very different ideologically." Keller was referring to the Islamic-secular internal divide in Palestinian politics that often gets overshadowed in the western press. On the other hand, "the Al Aqsa brigades are an organization that Arafat is involved in. The level of control Arafat has is unclear. I have some doubts about the documentation Israel provided." Rather than direct control over terrorist attacks, Keller stated, "I cannot totally rule out that he [Arafat] turned a blind eye to some of the things [suicide bombs] because that was the prevailing feeling in the street."

WWW.GUSH-SHALOM.ORG

The five Israeli activists of Gush Shalom who visited Arafat's headquarters are pictured with the Chairman.

Lastly, I inquired as to the conversation that had taken place between Mr. Keller and Chairman Arafat. Keller said that Arafat did not appear particularly shaken and did not see his own safety as the most immediate concern. Keller said that Arafat unequivocally condemned the attack and said he is working to prevent future attacks. Arafat noted that the attack only serves to undermine his own position. Keller assured me, "He [Arafat] is willing to make peace. He wants to make peace with Israel. In a certain situation, there will be hope to achieve this."

Keller and the other activists will be leaving the compound on Thursday once they are assured that an attack on the Ramallah headquarters is not imminent.

After Fulbright, senior plans to pursue international medical relief and health care improvement

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lief systems and how they can be improved.

Like the study abroad trip he completed at Hamilton, David's Fulbright-sponsored research involves using his skills and knowledge in medicine to improve the country's health care system. However, under the Fulbright grant, David will be able to stay a full year in Dominica researching the current health care standards. The time David was able to spend in Malawi was a mere three weeks, so this study will give David the time for an in-depth study of the HIV/AIDS epidemic and possible solutions to the problem.

David cites two main reasons for why he chose to work in the field of HIV/AIDS: "First, it appears to be the growing health epidemic of our time, and second, because of my interactions with people living with HIV, both in the hospital I work at and in Malawi."

Much of David's medical experience comes from Albany Medical Center. Since his senior year in high school, David has known that he wanted to go into medicine. Every summer, he has worked night shifts in the medical center's ER. "I've had this job since senior year in high school and find it quite exciting," writes David. "I work as an ER tech/nurse's aide and get to do all sorts of fun things (some not so fun too)."

Albany Medical College has accepted David early decision; after his research is finished in the Caribbean, David will pursue a medical degree. Once he receives his degrees, David hopes to work in international medical relief and health care improvement.

For the present, David is looking forward to living and working in a different place and making friends with the people of Dominica. According to David, there are many additional benefits to working on this island: "It is also a relatively safe, small, and friendly country with good snorkeling/scuba diving: two of my favorite things to do." He says that his fear of life in Dominica is limited to hurricanes and sunburn. AP

Culture shock does not seem to be a concern. In fact, when asked what setbacks he had experienced in attaining his goals, David replied, "I grew up in Nepal and abruptly moved to the U.S. at an early age, and adjusting in America was difficult at first."

With that kind of background, adults tend to be better at adaptation to life in another country. David will be able to adjust anywhere he is placed. Dominica is another step on the way to achieving his goals.

College attracting "best and brightest" for the Class of 2007

from Admissions, page 1

2006, 60% will graduate in the top ten percent of their classes. While this statistic represents a slight drop from the 63% of class of 2005 that graduated in the top ten percent of their high school classes, Fuller noted a general trend of rising SAT scores. "Again, three years ago we were at 47%," he said.

Moreover, the percentage of multicultural students in the class of 2006 is 13.4%, the second highest that it has ever been. The percentage of foreign students, 4%, is the same as it is for the class of 2005. The class is 52% female and 48% male.

Fuller also noted that the percent of enrollees from New York state is the lowest ever: 32%. "This reflects Hamilton's increasing national reputation," added Fuller.

Fuller attributed the notably high quality of students primarily to the new curriculum. However, he also cited the overall increase of high school graduates, a much improved internet site, the beauty of the campus, the community effort toward recruitment, and a very competent and enthusistic group of admission and financial aid officers as additional factors.

"Our current admission picture reflects the steady trend of improvement we have enjoyed since the mid '90s," Fuller said. "Because the entire community is involved in this effort, the entire community should take pride in what has been accomplished. Now we are well into attracting the 'best and brightest' for the class of 2007."

Fuller, however, also noted that overall enrollment on the Hill will be high next year. This is a national trend; as a result of September 11, fewer students across America will be taking leaves from colleges and universities, and more students will be re-admitted back onto campuses. Moreover, as all of the members of the large class of 2003 will return from their semesters abroad, the campus will be especially packed.

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Editorial:

Things to do on a Thursday night: go to a party, meet for "Friends," play video games, hook up with that cutie across the hall. For four years Features Editor Amy Kopriva, Photography Editor Lindsay Griffiths, and Insights and Ideas Editor Lauren Reynolds have spent their Thursday nights doing none of these things. Instead of partaking in the typical, light-hearted tomfoolery that Thursday nights at college have to offer, these dedicated members of *The Spectator* staff have spent their time and energy putting together the newspaper that you read every Friday.

Lindsay, who you may not recognize without a camera in hand, has probably attended more speakers and events than most students on campus to get *The Spectator* the pictures that add color and life to the newspaper's pages. Her never-ending commitment to the hockey team has landed her a dream job with the New Jersey Devils, and we hope it pays far better than her "job" at *The Spectator*. (We hope the guys on the team appreciate her as much as we do!)

During her tenure at *The Spectator*, Amy has survived five editors-in-chief (favoring certain ones more than others), a variety of *Spec* caterers, and at least two hair colors, all with the smile and cheerful attitude that we've come to expect from her. In her years as an editor, she has made the Features section a place for in-depth analysis of diverse issues, helping to bring a balance to the newspaper. Although Amy will leave next year for the warmer climate of Atlanta, she will be thought of with fondness (or extreme jealousy during the nine months of winter in Clinton) on long Thursday nights on the third floor of Bristol.

Starting out her freshman year as one of the only females on *The Spectator* staff, Reynolds has learned how to keep the members of the staff with y-chromosomes in check. We can always count on Lauren, with her many connections, to know the inside scoop and help *The Spec* get the story. Both her objectivity and her sense of humor have helped us all to keep perspective on what we're doing and why we're doing it. As we send Reynolds off into the world beyond Hamilton, we can only wonder, who will wear the pants at *The Spectator* next semester?

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Lauren and Selena's Top Ten: Mission #2: Clinton Pub Crawl

Missed Mission #3? So did we. After we were dropped off at an undisclosed location twenty minutes away with two cinderblocks and a fire extinguisher, we realized we aren't in Psi U, and we pledged four years ago.

SELENA COPPOCK '02 AND LAUREN REYNOLDS '02

We then decided to support the economic development of Clinton, NY single-handedly by pub-crawling our way through the strip.

We kicked off the night at the wacky-wild, seniors-only, Cinco-de-Mayo extravaganza at the Pub, clad in matching baseball tees that proclaimed our motto for the night: "There's no crying in baseball."

Upon entering the Pub, we were bombarded by the sights and sounds of Baha, Mexico (pronounced Me-hee-ko), the homeland of Selena's namesake, Selena.

Sombreros, tortillas, guacamole, and one rather large sign reading "Cinco de Mayo and if you can read Spanish we're three days early," made us crave Chad's world-renowned margaritas.

The music reminded us of our favorite infomercial purchase: Southern White Trash, Volume 4. The crowd was somewhat sparse - apparently, the school feels that if a minor so much as inhales the vapors of alcohol, they will turn into a wild man and wreak havoc on the campus.

Before leaving the Little Pub, we recruited this week's lucky guest star - Katy Connor (x2906).

Due to the recent series of wins that the women's lacrosse team has experienced, Lauren manned the party van while Selena and Katy were responsible for taste-testing the drinks at each spot.

First stop: Alteri's, a haven for townies, Hamilton staff, and war memorabilia enthusiasts. Our guest star provided us with an extensive account of the history of Alteri's and its elaborate wall decorations.

Apparently you can't teach an old dog new tricks, and Selena's disappointing loss to Lauren in "Dismissed" did not stop her from ordering a large, inappropriate drink.

The bartender, Bounce (named after a terrible Gweneth Paltrow movie or the amazing fabric softener) scowled as Selena foolishly ordered a Bloody Mary after 10am. "Its blues night at Alteri's," he said, "Every night is blues night when I am bartending."

We couldn't figure out if he was referring to depression or the spring break favorite Blue Curacao, or that weird techno song (you know, "I'm blue yabba di yabba dye").

Against Katy's screams of protest, we boarded the party van once more and headed to the establishment sometimes referred to as "Roma's," "Clinton Lanes," "21 McBride," and "Cripple Creak," and soon to be known solely as "Fat Boyz."

Roma's at 11pm reminded us of Commons at 11am (which, if you are a Lauren and Selena's Top Ten die-hard, you'll remember reminded us of that Brady Bunch episode where they go to the Grand Canyon and end up in a ghost town).

We were greeted by the bartender and a lone patron who proceeded to buy us round after round of shots.

The ratio of guys in the bar to guys buying us shots is pretty sweet when there is one guy in the bar and he's doing the buying.

The bartender and soon to be owner of the establishment asked us if we would talk up the new management to get kids back at Clinton Lanes - and we promised we would, for one last week.

Roma's scored low in the ambiance category, as music was replaced with Jay Leno, and he was featuring humans eating insects.

Thoroughly disgusted, we decided to head to the ≠≠≠≠haven of sanity... and insanity - The Village Tavern.

Right away, we felt at home - Dixie Chicks were playing on the jukebox and townies were banging down the door to the girl's bathroom, yelling, "You Hamilton girls take too long in the stall!"

Despite the copious amount of shots we had taken, the scene at the Tavern seemed lame compared to our previous exploits.

We decided to "Rok out," and guest star Katy recruited Ana Venturas for a cameo, as they both were reluctant to tread in the murky waters of Don's Rok.

We were immediately accosted by fame-seekers who had caught wind (or sight of, as we were wearing the same shirt) of our pub-crawl mission. "Give us a quote in the Spec!" said Erin "Bud" Budd and Randy Bruce.

Two townies philosophized as to our reasons for dressing the same; "They're pledges." Embarrassed, but not quite as embarrassed as the girl wearing the Umpa-Lumpa outfit, we decided to cut our losses and head to the *Spec* office to weave our tale of wondrous delight. "Sky rockets in flight, afternoon delight."

We stumbled into the *Spec* office at 2am, only to be informed that the section was finished and that our column had been replaced by the pulled-meat promotion for Piggy Pat's. No disrespect to Pat, but we haven't been turned down since... well, we've never been turned down.

The formula of an in-season lacrosse player + one drunken Latino sensation + a deadline approaching in three hours = Mission #2 and Mission #1 appearing in the same issue. Mission #1 is in the Spanktator.

Weekend 'Scopes

Pisces *(February 18 - March 19)* When you head out this weekend bring a video camera along; you're guaranteed to catch some great stuff that people will pay to watch. *Lucky Video:* College Girls Gone Wild.

Aries *(March 20 - April 19)* This is the weekend to show off, see how long you can stay perpetually blitzed starting with Class and Charter day festivities. *Lucky Start to Your Day:* Morningtails.

Taurus *(April 20 - May 19)* It's your time of year, do what you have to do and do it with style. *Lucky Suit:* Birthday.

Gemini *(May 20 - June 20)* Realize that your chances of hooking up this weekend are inversely proportional to how clean your room is. Be messy and be proud. *Lucky Item:* Maid Make-up My Room/Do Not Disturb sign.

Cancer *(June 21 - July 21)* You will have the hottest date on campus Friday night, however, the weekend goes downhill from there. *Lucky Time:* 7:30.

Leo *(July 22 - August 22)* You will go to a party and may not remember much, don't worry your friends will remind you. *Lucky Dance:* Lap.

Virgo *(August 23 - September 21)* Your professors will tell you that you don't have to do any of your homework for the rest of the semester or take any finals. Riiiight. *Lucky Activity:* Dreaming.

Libra *(September 22 - October 22)* So you have a lot of finals, that's no reason to stay inside, besides by failing the semester you get to delay entering the real world. *Lucky Letter:* F.

Scorpio *(October 23 - November 21)* You will wake up in a strange place next to someone you vaguely remember. *Lucky Walk:* Shame.

Sagittarius *(November 22 - December 20)* Most weekends are great, this isn't one of them. Try to sleep through as much of it as you can. *Lucky Button:* Snooze.

Capricorn *(December 21 - January 19)* Despite what you may believe, showering does not take too much time out of your end of the year scramble to get things done; for your friends' sake just do it. *Lucky Feeling:* Zestfully Clean!

Aquarius *(January 20 - February 17)* You realize you have potential to write horoscopes better than these. Impress the right people and you have a job next year. *Lucky E-mail:* spec@hamilton.edu.

I&I would like to thank all two of the writers who contributed to the section this year. And to Lauren Reynolds, I wish a fond farewell, and the deepest regrets that we never hooked up. -Preston

Thumbs Up

- Nice 'n Easy profits from the Race to 10,000 'Stones providing Clinton with a new Gazebo

- Botox & Boobjobs - the best things to happen to the US

- Calling Pat Ingalls in a blackout

- Inviting Mrs.Tobin up for morningtales and seeing where it leads

Thumbs Down

- The baseball team thinking that 13 is a lucky number

- Supply not equaling demand for late night Diner runs... it's your fault Dick Guy

- The award ceremony during Class and Charter Day: like breaking a condom in the middle of good sex

by Lauren Reynolds, Paul P. Jones & Chris Preston

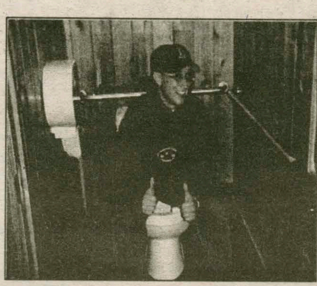
Who Cares?

- For old times sake: Marc Radasky, Womyn's Center, Art majors, Bobby Peru, Preston's courdoroy condoms, ATX Juniors, the retired Dan Kaufmann, the Keehn elf, Canada, the new sorority, freshmen - for Christ's sake, the Taliban,TKE/ITS, the "P" in Paul P. Jones, Gin 'n Juice, Good/Bad/Indifferent, Sacerdon't, SNOCCER, rhinocerouses, and last & certainly least, the Crew Team

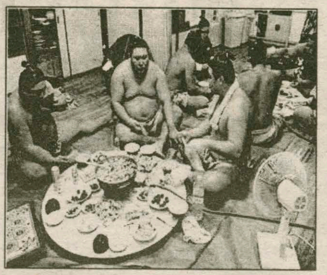
Hamilton Unscripted: What is your ideal Class and Charter Day?

"Waking up to a blunt, two 40's of OE, both served by a voluptuous female, followed by an open-bar DU formal."
-Mike Plunkett '03

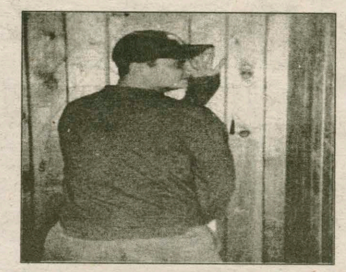
"I doesn't really matter what I do, I won't remember it in the next day anyway."
-Brooke Hegarty '02



"Beirut at 8 a.m., drunk in class at 10, passed out by noon, rallying for round two that night."
-Rich Waite '03



"Furthering the fat, drunk, and stupid process." -Jason Wellen and Dan Kaufmann '03



"Waking up in the middle of a Chase-Stroud sandwich with a side of Anne Hemmings, then doing it again after funneling grain and passing out on Carnegie 4th floor." -Sky Gellatly '03

Letters to the Editor

Drunk Driving Awareness

This is written in regards to the April 19 editorial concerning drunk driving, and Matt Glassman's letter in response.

In the last ten years, Hamilton has cracked down on student drinking, and as a result, many students now frequent the bars downtown.

Recently there has been concern about student drunk driving, which was heightened by last year's fatal accident at Colgate, 20 minutes away.

If bringing a wrecked car up to campus won't change the situation, and won't cause students to think twice before driving under the influence, or getting in a car with a drunk driver, please read on.

Five years ago, I was a junior in high school. It was the second week of school - soccer season had just begun, classes were new and exciting, all in all it was business as usual in Montpelier, Vermont.

I remember riding home on the bus from a tough loss on a Saturday afternoon, and hearing my friend Brian talk about how he was "getting so f*cked up" later that night.

Your parents remember where they were when Kennedy was shot. You remember where you were when the Twin Towers went down.

And I remember exactly where I was the next morning when my mom got off the phone, and told me in a shaking voice that Brian and another teammate, Ryan, had been killed in a drunk driving accident.

Dan, who was Ryan's little brother and Brian's best friend, had crashed into a tree on the way back from the party - just 5 minutes away from Brian's house.

Montpelier is a small town. We all know each other, we all grew up together, we're a community. In an instant, we lost 2 friends, 2 brothers, 2 sons, 2 teammates, 2 outgoing, fun-loving, likable 17-year-old kids who, just the day before, had their whole lives ahead of them.

We've never been the same. Hamilton is a small school. We all know each other - we can walk down Martin's Way and pick out familiar faces left and right.

It's great in some ways, it's constricting in other ways. Our beliefs and actions affect each other. Like it or not, we're a community. If we lose you to a drunk driving accident, a preventable tragedy, we'll never be the same.

Think I'm being alarmist? Try telling that to the family and friends of the students who died in the Colgate accident barely a year ago.

Try telling that to Dan and Ryan's mother, who lost a son and whose youngest son will live the rest of his life knowing his actions caused the death of his older brother and best friend.

Need more? All you have to do is think.

Think of your parents, your brothers and sisters, your friends, your boyfriend or girlfriend, your roommates, your professors, everyone who you care about and who cares about you.

Think of the hole your preventable death would leave in their lives.

Think of your potential in this world. It's something that, most of the time, we all take for granted. It's something that can vanish in an instant because of an irresponsible decision.

When I visit friends who didn't grow up in Montpelier, I'm always surprised to see that they don't think driving after having a few beers is wrong.

They've heard the horror stories, but it hasn't happened to them, or anyone they know or love.

Not only that, but 5 years after the accident back home, some of my friends have reverted to it as well, as if there's some sort of grace period, and the danger has passed.

IT'S SO EASY. If you're drinking, stay over, or get a ride from someone who is sober.

Hell, suck it up and be the DD every once in a while.

Ten years from now will it really matter if you missed out on one night of drinking? At least you'll still be around to answer that for yourself.

Just please, PLEASE, don't wait until you need a concrete reason to change your ways, or that reason for your loved ones to change theirs.

Student drinking is not the point. It's a college campus. Drinking happens.

Student driving is not the point. We have cars, we have places to go. Not enough parties on campus? Go downtown. Need a way to get there? Take the Jitney.

Putting the responsibility on Hamilton College to find "solutions" to "combat" these issues is immature and irresponsible and in four years or less, you won't have free transportation to bail you out anymore.

Now is the time to put the responsibility on yourself. You're a young, smart student at a well-respected college. You can be whatever you want to be in this world. You have your whole life ahead of you.

My point is simply this: it's almost summer. We'll be free to cruise around and kick back and unwind and have a good time.

I plan on doing just that. I want you to do the same, but I also want to see you all back in one piece in the fall.

If my words can cause just one of you to think about the possible repercussions of your actions, then the "situation" is already changing.

--Richard Waite '03

Media Sensitivity

I'm writing in response to a "joke" printed in the Bull on Tuesday, April 23.

Usually I protest the blatantly sexist nature of The Daily Bull by not reading it at all, but a few weeks ago a friend happened to alert me to this one. When I asked one of the editors about the "joke," I was given three justifications: 1) the Bull knows that not everyone will find all jokes funny; 2) this joke was a slam against the brutish nature of men's sexuality, and was not about violence against women; 3) since it does not print jokes based on race, ethnicity, sexuality, etc., taking away politically correct gender-based jokes would leave the Bull without material.

In response to the first refute given-violence against women, including physical abuse, intimidation, and rape, should not be funny to anyone. The "joke" normalizes and makes light of a situation that is very real to many women and girls, including those on this campus.

As to the second-the "joke" implies that when it comes to sex, men are like animals-they can't control their urges or their actions. This mentality should not be presented as an unreal or ridiculous comparison, because it is often used as an excuse for men's sexual aggression. There is no excuse or legitimization for violence against women, and men and women do have control over their actions.

Finally, in response to the third justification-Rape and abuse of women is NOT funnier or more acceptable than white supremacy or gay-bashing. I respect that the Bull is not racist or homophobic, but I challenge its defense of sexism. If it can find material that is not abusive of race and sexuality, it can do the same for gender. The editors do have the power to change the slant of this publication if they so wish.

This print specifically relates physical abuse of women, which in this instance is also domestic abuse. Furthermore, it implies that the woman is to be raped, supporting the mentality that women are to be sexually available to men, and that women who "tease" "deserve what they get;" "were asking for it." The boyfriend in this story believes it his duty and his right to "teach her a lesson," so that she won't be sexual and then tell him no to sex.

I encourage each member of the Hamilton community to critically examine the messages we receive, and ask ourselves and each other, At whose expense are we laughing?

-Jessie Turner, '03

New Champion Tree on Hamilton Campus

by Thomas Diggins
Assistant Professor of Biology

It's official. The colossal white poplar tree between the Science Building and Burke Library is the largest of its kind in New York State-by far!

Arborist Fred Breglia from the Landis Arboretum in Esperance, NY, accurately taped the old-timer at 74 feet tall, 68 feet in crown spread, and five feet in diameter. Well, actually, he used a laser for the height.

"White poplar doesn't get this big!" exclaimed visiting old growth expert Bruce Kershner. "It's supposed to be a scrubby little pioneer tree."

This European species, introduced to America in the 1800s, rarely grows larger than the upper branches of the Hamilton giant.

This tree's vitals have been submitted to New York State's Champion Tree Project. It will soon join our seven-foot diameter Bristol Center cucumber magnolia and the towering Root Glen Norway spruce in the arboreal winners' circle.

Three state champions are impressive for a patch of ground as small as the Hamilton campus. And there may be more.

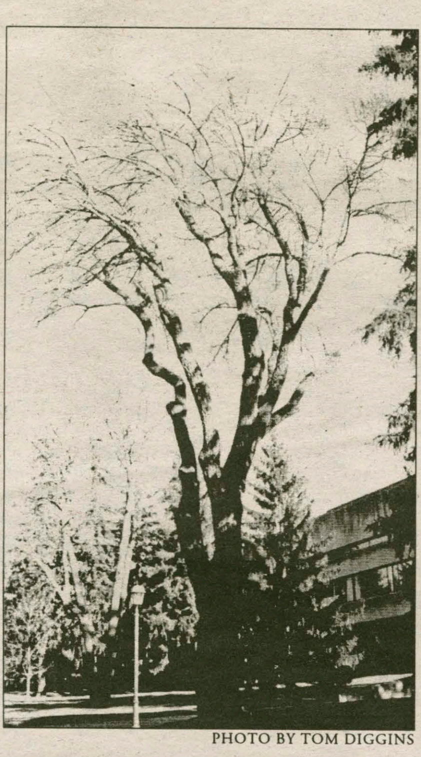


PHOTO BY TOM DIGGINS

Hamilton may not have champion sports teams, but we have some really impressive trees. Here, the white poplar proudly stands outside the Burke Library

Any of several beautiful swamp oaks planted here more than a century ago could be state champ as well. We just need to do some measuring. Even the College's remnant native groves have yielded a record giant.

My students and I stumbled upon a five-foot diameter sugar maple, 90 feet tall and 50 feet to its first branch, in an ancient stand in Rogers' Glen. This is the greatest trunk diameter reported anywhere for a forest-grown sugar maple, New York's state tree. Age estimates start at 300 years and go up!

Readers interested in champion trees should browse New York's database at www.championtrees.org (follow links to NY registry) and the national big tree registry at www.americanforests.org/resources/bigtrees/register.php. Information on eastern old growth, with data on forest-grown giants, can be obtained from the Eastern Native Tree Society at www.uark.edu/misc/ents/.

Whatever happened to global warming?

by Kristin Patrick '03
Science Editor

Apparently, global warming is alive and kicking. You could have fooled me-I wore mittens to Gin and Juice. Surprisingly enough, however, worldwide, temperatures have hit record highs; the first three months of 2002 were probably the warmest in a millennium.

According to a British report from the Hadley Center for Climate Change, temperatures in January, February, and March registered 0.71 degrees Celsius higher than the 1961-1990 average, making them the highest on record (which have been kept since 1860) and likely the highest in about 1,000 years approximated by observing the rings of ancient tree trunks.

This temperature high is of particular interest to scientists as the record was set without the warming influence of a significant El Nino event. El Nino (Spanish for "The Nino") is a warming of the ocean surface off the western coast of South America that occurs every 4 to 12 years when upwelling of cold, nutrient-rich water does not occur.

Experts continue to point to greenhouse gas emissions as the culprit responsible for global warming.

Greenhouse gases include water vapor, carbon dioxide, methane, nitrous oxide, and ozone. These gases occur naturally and form a layer around the earth to protect us from the sun's harmful ultraviolet rays. Human industry and technology, however, have increased concentrations of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere, which in turn trap heat and increase global temperatures.

According to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), global average surface temperatures have increased 0.5-1.0 degree Fahrenheit since the late 1800s. Of the 20th century's 10 warmest years, all of them have occurred in the last 15 years.

Globally, sea levels have risen 4 to 8 inches, ice caps have melted, and the snow cover in the Northern Hemisphere has decreased. Similar trends are predicted worldwide; most of the United States is expected to warm.

So keep spraying those aerosol cans; maybe it won't snow on Graduation after all.

Are you drunk? Hungover? Science explains why

by Kristin Patrick '03
Science Editor

Ah, Class and Charter Day. A time for a Hamilton student to go to her 9 a.m. classes with a coffee mug filled with champagne, drive an ex-hallmate's bed board from Bundy to the Dark Side to play Beirut on Minor Field, and wake up in Keehn on Saturday morning with no idea how she got there. Purely hypothetical situation, I assure you.

Have you ever wondered what is actually happening to your body during this day of celebration? Or the day after, for that matter?

Ethyl alcohol, molecular formula C2H5OH, is the chemical responsible for intoxication. When it is consumed, it passes down the esophagus, through the stomach, and into the small intestine. Here, the vast majority of alcohol is absorbed into the lining of the intestine and enters the bloodstream, where it becomes diluted.

Alcohol is removed from your system through the process of oxidation in the liver via the microsomal ethanol oxidizing system. The liver can metabolize, on average, one drink per hour, a standard drink being 12 ounces of beer, 6 ounces of wine, or 1.5 ounces of 80-proof distilled spirits, or "hard alcohol." Until all alcohol consumed has been metabolized, which happens at a much slower rate than does absorption, it is distributed throughout the body, affecting the brain and other tissues.

Systemic handling of alcohol outside of the liver also occurs via dehydrogenase enzymes that break ethanol down to carbon dioxide and water. The first enzyme in the pathway, alcohol dehydrogenase converts alcohol to acetaldehyde. Women have about half of the alcohol dehydrogenase as men do, which in part explains their relatively higher levels of intoxication when consuming similar amounts of alcohol as men.

Buildup of acetaldehyde is toxic and occurs when the second enzyme in the pathway of alcohol breakdown, aldehyde dehydrogenase (ADH), is inhibited. This produces symptoms such as a flushed face and extreme nausea. Notably, Asians have a relative lack of systemic ADH, which induces these symptoms and accounts for that well-known "Asian glow."

Alcohol is toxic to nerve cells, affecting messenger and ion-gating systems, which are involved in communication between neurons. Acetaldehyde may interact with opiate receptors, causing the euphoric sensation characteristic of intoxication.

Effects of alcohol on the brain vary with amount consumed. With low blood concentration, the cortical depression of alcohol seems to release behaviors that are otherwise inhibited, resulting in playful behavior, chatty talk, laughter, and flirting.

Even these low doses of alcohol, however, interfere with memory and make it difficult for a portion of your brain known as the hippocampus to process new information.

With increasing doses, ethanol depresses more brain functions, causing inappropriate, belligerent behavior, irritability, lack of coordination, and poor judgment.

As for the morning after, alcohol has diverse and widespread effects, which helps explain why every part of your body hurts after a night (or day) of drinking.

For starters, raging thirst and dehydration are a consequence of your body's attempts to detox-the liver uses eight molecules of water for every one molecule of alcohol it breaks down. Thus, when you drink, water is essentially sucked out of your cells via osmosis, whereby water moves from areas of low solute, high water concentration [in cells] to high solute, low water concentration [outside of cells]. Additionally, alcohol suppresses the hormone that makes your kidneys recycle water, so instead of absorbing water, it is released as urine.

Dehydration is also responsible for morning-after headache, causing a deformation of the brain and a covering that surrounds it called the dura shrink. This deformation triggers messages in pain receptors, which manifest themselves in a pounding headache.

Nausea is a result of stomach irritation and an increase of acidity levels in the stomach, both attributable to alcohol. Having something in your stomach before drinking, even just a glass of milk, can help minimize this hangover effect.

That whole spinning-room deal is not yet completely understood. Scientists suggest that it results from an imbalance of fluid in the semi-circular ear canals. Alcohol seems to affect particles in the ear fluid, making them bump into tissue and send messages to the brain at inappropriate times. Thus, the brain thinks the head is moving when it is not, making the person attached to this head feel dizzy.

Some of the best advice to prevent hangovers is to drink several pints of water, or even better, fruit juice, before going to bed. Juice serves to counteract dehydration and boost energy and vitamin C helps speed up the detoxification process. Sports drinks that replenish fluids and electrolytes are another option. Caffeine overcomes some of the depressive effects of alcohol and constricts the pulsing blood vessels in your head. However, caffeine also contributes to dehydration, so be sure to drink lots of water with your cup of coffee.

So after all this, that random Bundy hookup, the mysterious hole punched in your wall, and the fact that you peed every 3 minutes last night should all make sense. It's amazing what science can tell you, huh?

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The Spanktator

Like it matters?

Quake destroys Dunham; students spritz paints

by Bacchus
Roman God of Wine

A massive 13.5 earthquake ripped across the Hill in the early morning of May 9, 2002. The quake, an aftershock of the 5.6 a few weeks ago, surprised students and geologists alike.

Students were thrown across campus as the quake shook the foundations of the Hill. One female student commented, "I just woke up in the Glen, all disoriented and covered in slime. I had no idea what had happened." Many were sleeping at the time of the devastation. A male senior whose ceiling collapsed in North commented, "Earthquake? No. Just a couple of those Tumbling After girls getting it on. Booya."

The hardest-hit buildings were on the light side: Dunham dormitory was instantly obliterated, leaving a disgusting, frothy cesspool in its place. Residents rejoiced, proceeding to make it their new luxurious home. "I get my own cesspool single!" one excited freshman exclaimed. Architects believe that the building fell so quickly both because it was constructed in the 1950s, and because the main support pillar of the building, Dan Walker's super-erect spine, was with Dan visiting friends in Minor. A statue of Aaron Burr will be constructed twenty paces away from the statue of Alexander Hamilton to commemorate the destruction of Dunham. Baseball great Cecil Fielder, who was asked to come by the office of the President, will give a brief speech to remember Dunham next Tuesday on the steps of Commons.

Finding housing for all of the incoming freshmen, already a problem before Dunham's fall, will be solved by sending 350 large "Whoops- Sorry" cards to 2/3 of the rising frosh, who will then be sent to nearby Utica Community College for their higher education instead of Hamilton. The remaining 1/3 will have to drink 3/4 of the alcohol on campus to fit the new admittance requirements set forward by the President's Office.

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Even prior to last week, it appeared that an earthquake had shaken up Dunham. Students are saying "good riddence" to this dormitory that houses predominantly freshmen and Andrew Horner '03.

`Geologists, conducting an investigation of the earthquake, discovered a new fault line running down the dark side ravine and into Root Glen. Geology major Maurry Shafter VI '03 stated, "It has been here the whole time, lying dormant alongside the Annex and the Diner." The newly-named Root-Annex B Fault Line is thought to have become active due to the immense weight of beer cans, vomit, and large sculptures that have accumulated in the ravine over the past few months.

The ravine, now a hundred-foot deep gaping rift filled with lava between the light-side and the dark-side, has attracted numerous onlookers. DKE is already planning their next party, "Gin and Igneous Volcanic Magma," along the banks of the lake of lava. Turnout is expected to be similar to TKE's pirate extravaganza earlier this year (what the f*#k was that all about?- ed).

Elsewhere on campus destruction was minimal. The science building was reduced to a pile of rubble, but, as one Junior stated, "there are science courses at Hamilton?" The building will be re-constructed in Ullanbataar, Mongolia, as part of Hamilton's foreign building exchange program, making Hamilton the most architecturally diverse school on the Hill. Lava will continue to scourge across campus during the next week, striking fear in the hearts of the student body. Amen.

College proudly pronounces bin Laden next Great Names speaker

FBI's most-wanted man will leave cave to speak on the Hill

by Preston Shumpert
Incompetency & Idiocy Editor

AP

While bin Laden, currently hiding in a cave somewhere, was unable for picture, we at the *Spec* thought this picture of George W. busting some ass was pretty cool.

Move over Margaret Thatcher, because the Sacerdote Great Names Series has produced its most controversial speaker to date: Osama bin Laden. That's right Ham Techsters, get out your picket signs, save up your best heckling voice, and find the sharpest stones you can possibly get your hands on. America's number one enemy is coming out of his cave, literally, to make one public appearance right here on the Hill.

President Eugene Tobin commented on this earth-shattering news, "All the speakers we've invited to the Hill for the Sacerdote series have thus far been your standard do-gooder politicians, inspiring revolutionaries, and musical geniuses; what we wanted was someone who fit into none of these categories. We tried to switch things up a bit, you know, broaden the horizons of what types of voices our students are exposed to, so that they may take full advantage of the liberal arts education. Satan turned us down, so we determined that Mr. bin Laden was the next best choice in terms of pure evil."

Though bin Laden was unavailable for comment, it is the opinion of *The Spanktator* that his many topics of discussion will include his recent bouts with paranoia; his close friendships with Saddam Hussein, Fidel Castro, and Carrot Top; and the upcoming release of his new nature book: "The Caves of Afghanistan: Cozy Shelters or Creepy Cauldrons?" Expected to attend the event are President George Bush, former New York mayor Rudy Giuliani, and about 500 U.S. troops armed with all kinds of medieval weapons. Needless to say, security will not be very tight. Despite the inevitable fire hazards, the event will again be held in what will be a tightly packed Bundy Field House.

Because Mr. bin Laden will be flying from such a long distance, the financial burden on the College in procuring his services was considerable. However, Hamilton has already been fully compensated for their efforts by the likes of Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld and the FBI itself. In fact, so much money is currently flowing into the College that according to Tobin, Res Life and the Parking Committee are as of this moment officially relieved from their duties in favor of more expensive, yet far more sensible, robots.

Instead of being housed in Rogers Estate like most Sacerdote speakers, Mr. bin Laden has requested to live in Dunham since, although slightly darker and more cramped, it is the closest thing to a cave Hamilton has to offer.

Mr. bin Laden is scheduled to speak one year from today, during next year's Class and Charter Day at a 2:00 pm matinee. This way the usual early morning Class and Charter Day festivities will have fully sunk in and hopefully stimulate a long list of creative, uncensored questions for Mr. bin Laden before students pass out and vomit in their chairs. Or preferably all over the stage.

Homeless sophomores to squat

by Amused Independents
aka Textbook-Heads

ResLife has announced its newest solution to the problem involving 60 or so homeless rising sophomores: as of August 2002, the College plans to open up both the Sig and the Psi-U house's to these sophomores without homes.

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The Sig House will be home to the sixty sopohomore squatters next year.

"The decision to allow students to squat was a very natural one," said one ResLife official. "Through the ages, squatting has been seen as a perfectly acceptable alternative to real housing. Just look how well the system works in New York City," she added.

Although on College property, these buildings do not technically belong to Hamilton. However, the College plans to open the doors to allow students in and supply the students assigned to these houses with wool hats, gloves, and the appropriate materials for converting trash cans into bonfires.

"You see, this is what happens to those damn fraternities that wouldn't sell their houses. Ha ha. We win," said a member of the Administration. "We always win," he added. The Administration also wished to acknowledge that as of this latest development in the current war vs. the Greeks (code named: the Trojan War), it currently has "one up, suckas!"

"You may have won the battle, but we will certainly win the war," responded one fraternity brother wishing to remain nameless. He proceeded to say that if the College were to take over their house, they would, quite simply, burn it down. The brother noted, "Hey, it's worked in the past," although he chose not to elaborate on this comment.

The sophomores formerly known as homeless, however, are happy to have been placed. "Well, anything is better than Dunham," said one sophomore with a smile. In addition, the squatters will eat out of trash cans, a particularly easy task due in part of the success to the new recycling campaign.

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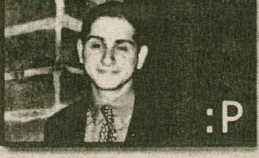

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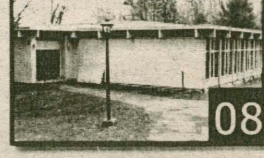


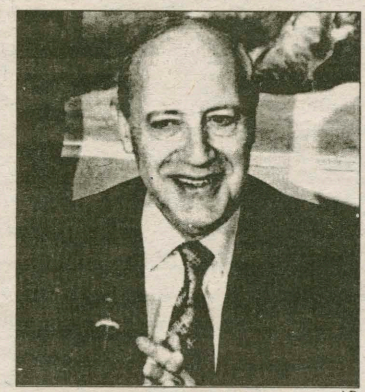
I'm hot, you're not!

IMF to become MIF

Leaders rolling on the floor, in the dough

by Dow Jones
ECON. MAJOR, ASPIRING LAUNDERER

Protests by organizations such as the labor unions, especially in the Third World, condemn the policies adopted by the IMF. For the protestors, the IMF is supposed to help economies get out of recessions by making loans, but with the current policies, it actually enables rich countries to charge higher interest rates. In other words, it provides opportunities to make additional profit, rather than helping the needy people.



AP

Argentine Economy Minister Roberto Lavagna during on May 3, 2002. "Yay MIF!" he proclaimed.

The protests, marches, and clashes with the police finally seem to be paying off. International Monetary Fund (IMF) is undertaking significant political and structural changes. The officials announced that the organization is going to kick off the changes by altering the name slightly. The Ministry of International Finance (MIF) will replace the IMF. The Managing Director of the IMF hopes to erase the negative image the organization made on certain groups by adopting this new name by no later than May 20th, 2002.

Although there are six original purposes, the new staff will prioritize eradication of poverty and will make this goal the ultimate task of the organization. The Director of Policy Development and Review Department noted that "the gap between the rich and the poor is wide to begin with, and it is getting wider and wider every year." All of the officers agreed on the fact that this wide gap is going to be the most challenging problem that the world is going to face in the new millennium and decided to take significant steps in achieving this goal.

The Director of Statistics Department summarized the yearlong research by saying "The main task of our research was to define wealth. Therefore, we designed a survey and asked people what wealth meant to them." Money was not only the most popular answer to the question, but it was also the first answer in all of the responses. Furthermore, 99.5% of the participants responded yes when they were asked if money meant wealth to them. As a result, the IMF began the quest to develop new policies to increase wealth throughout the world.

After discussing various types of fiscal and monetary policies, IMF officers focused on short-term solutions that would show immediate effects. Hours of discussions led to the conclusions that if money is wealth, why not give the needy as much money as possible. Hence, the organization will soon begin getting permission from governments of the member states to print money to be distributed to the needy. Meanwhile, arrangements with local printing companies are made to carry out the printing job once the permission is given.

Despite the consensus reached at the meeting, not all officers agree with such policies. The Economic Counselor and Director of Research Department argued, "[Such policies] would seem to help in the short-run, but would lead hyperinflation in the long run." Hyperinflation is the case where inflation goes well above one hundred percent and continues to increase rapidly every year. Germany experienced such inflation after the First World War. To understand how formidable hyperinflation is, consider the following situation. A man ordering beer would want to pay for it when the order is placed because the price may go up before he finished drinking it.

The Managing Director explained that he and his staff are open to constructive criticisms to regarding the new policies. He also asked those who do not believe money is wealth to donate all of their cash to IMF as soon as possible.

European bureau chiefs reunite for holiday celebration

Foul fowl prompts rash of vomiting and diarrhea outbreaks

by el Pimp Grande
SPEC CORRESPONDENT IN SPAIN

Paris, FRANCE - It was supposed to be an ordinary pagan celebration of Easter as *Spectator* European Bureau Chiefs gathered at the bourgeois apartment of Jacque P. DuVernay '03 in the 15th arrondissement. Matt Speer '03, Laurie Northrup '03, and Christopher LaRosa '03 gathered around the dinner table late in the afternoon as DuVernay prepared the traditional Easter dinner: frozen pizza, pre-cooked turkey, and fromage.

WE QUITE HONESTLY HAVE NO CLUE WHERE THIS PICTURE CAME FROM. SORRY.

Our international editors, here pictured celebrating in France, have admitted to masterminding the Le Pen Scandal. "We wanted to shake up those damn pompous French people. Who better to do that than students with a liberal arts education?" said one student.

The presence of LaRosa, currently directing the *Spectator* Spanish Bureau in Barcelona, was unexpected, as LaRosa found himself in Paris seeking refuge from the harrassment of Las hermanas de Katalan Donas Organisation (K.D.O). LaRosa's harassment began following the publication of an article implicating the sisters in a hit-and-run accident involving a Vespa motor-scooter carrying several elusive passengers.

Waiting for the repast to commence, the editors shared the secrets from the Hill that made it across the Atlantic faster than they made it to Bundy. Tales of a VERY IMPORTANT SCANDLE (highest priority) and administrators in cahoots with the D.A. circulated the table faster than the proverbial (or actual) pipe.

Just as the munchies set in, the microwave bell sounded, "Bon apetit," said DuVernay as the foursome began munching down.

"Bon apetit? This shit tastes just like Bon Appetit on the Hill, Jacque. Where did you manage to find surplus fallout shelter foodstuffs in France?" asked Northrop.

"Same place I found the PCP and whore I banged last night," said DuVernay.

Speer, whose host family in Paris described him as "smelly," devoured the food at a frantic pace, a mistake that would later cost him the lining of his esophagus.

"Shit, DuVernay, I left Hamilton with a bitter taste in my mouth, but this takes the cake," said LaRosa.

"Couldn't be worse than the taste I had in my mouth last night," said DuVernay.

Thirty seconds later the four dinners were hurling out the 3rd story dining room window of DuVVernay's house. The unfortunate Jean-Marie Le Pen fell victim to falling food as he left an underground group of French sympathizers with the American confederate flag cause.

Speer hurled copious amounts of bile, creating a post-Mardi-Grai-esque-coating on the ground. Arrondissement Director (AD) Mixed Punch was suspended for failing to maintain order and sobriety during the Easter festival.

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Whiners 'R' Us

Partying it up at Ham Tech: The Good, The Bad, and The TKE

For the season finale of the Insightful Independents we decided to actually spread a little love to a select few who made the Greek system proud. We've highlighted what are in our eyes the best and worst parties one can find here at sunny Hamilton College. But don't worry, there are still plenty of our signature insults among the words of praise. Everyone have a good summer, and stay on your toes brothers and sisters because we'll be back next year.

Chris Preston '03 and Charles Spiliotis '03

Insightful Independents

THE GOOD

5. DU's Good Girls-Bad Guys: This is the one party DU actually manages to get right on an annual basis. Though the "Bad Guy" motif is just an excuse for the beer-bellied meatheads to show off their guns, we definitely do enjoy the "Good Girls" theme. After all, let's be honest, nothing beats the naughty school girl look, a keen reminder of the days before the freshman 15 became a reality. Plenty of kegs and a lively dance floor make for a scene that would more appropriately be entitled "Slutty Girls, Horny Guys."

4. KDO's Studio 54: Traditionally held at Alfredo's, this party is a bit of a sleeper; fitting because it is, after all, KDO. Nevertheless, we have to give credit where credit is due-it manages to mesh the normalcy of Light Siders with the peculiarity of those Dark Siders without missing a beat. Don't be surprised to look up at the dance floor and see some blonde ATX snob engulfed by a dread-locked SIG hippy caught in the heat of the moment. With an open bar and enough grass to reseed Royce Field, this party may lead the league in illegal substances. But whatever your poison of choice, this little-known gathering sends all of its guests home with red eyes and bright smiles.

3. ATX Halloween Party: Just searching for the costume is part of the fun of this mid-autumn classic. You'll be sure to see some sexy girl scouts selling you more than cookies, sinful angels who've checked their purity at the door, and wannabe thugs pretending for a night they aren't 5'7" and were raised in Greenwich. The typically repulsive Annex is livened up by the aesthetics of the Halloween orange and black, and though it is considered only a mere under card to Heaven and Hell, we feel this should be the main event.

2. DKE's Gin 'n Juice: Usually, and we stress USUALLY, this is perhaps unanimously considered to be the year's premier get-together. Amid the ambience of the great outdoors, a bonfire big enough to satisfy the most avid pyromaniac, and a Dead cover band that breaks away from the mold of MTV-crazed Bundy parties, Gin 'n Juice is a refreshing escape from the stale bar scene. The beer is ever-flowing and easily accessible and the crowd is large and diverse. Whether you're a Psi U alcoholic or a Root mama's boy, if you're going to get drunk one night all year this is the place for it.

1. TDX's Nothin'Fancy Parties: The factor that pushed this to number one was its appearance in both the fall and the spring. The atmosphere reflects the brothers' laid back attitude, and the bands enhance this theme. Although Nothin' Fancy is usually a playground for redneck imbreds, TDX is able to transform it into their own private carnival. Aside from a few powdery-nosed rich kids who would rather hit the nose candy in the bathroom than view the eye candy on the dance floor, the crowd is generally jovial from the free beer and one dollar mixed drinks. Plus, the bus ride is relatively short and getting on them does not closely resemble WrestleMania XVII. DKE, take notes....

THE BAD

5. Any Bristol Party: It doesn't really matter who sponsors them-Gamma Xi, Delta Phi, and TKE being the usual suspect-bottom line is that Bristol parties are about as fun as a prostate exam. The beer is inaccessible, the people are never quite the ones you were hoping to see, and dancing is as common as nudity on Nickelodeon. Words of wisdom: just go somewhere else.

4. Psi U's 70s: Lesson number one: invite people to your party. Sure keg lines are short, but so are conversations. Once you look down and realize you're wearing a brown-striped silk shirt and checkered pants tight enough to make John Travolta blush, no amount of beer will wash away your insecurities. So you search for your friends to head downtown, but you need binoculars to find them because there's more open space than Yellowstone National Park. No matter how smokin' your dancing partner is, you can only groove to the Bee Gees for so long.

3. Gamma Xi's Jungle Juice: First of all, there is a lot more jungle than juice since Gamma Xi hosts this extravaganza. Second of all, where the hell IS the juice? Give us a break here, that juice concoction was the only thing strong enough to convince us to grab a thigh. Despite the promise of the early evening wave of mainstreamers, when that clock strikes 12 no prince in his right mind sticks around for these Cinderellas.

2. DU's Playboy Mansion: Heff certainly didn't organize this snoozer. Talks of elaborate decorations and exotic dancers were the biggest lies DU has told since the Housing Lottery "coincidence." Sure there were a few ladies dressed to kill, but we've seen more skin at a women's volleyball match. Take our advice boys: this should be one and done.

1. DKE's Gin 'n Juice 2002: Perhaps this wouldn't be so highly ranked if it wasn't so fresh in our minds, but we still have the scars and the colds to show for it. This was the night North Lot mimicked the LA riots of '92, the night buses were so inefficient that Rosa Parks would not have boarded, and the night the movie "Alive" started to make a lot of sense to those waiting in the rain at 4 in the morning. And again there seems to be a pattern here-parties with the word juice in them normally DON'T have juice. Let's face it, you never heard Snoop Dogg utter the words, "Sippin' on Keystone Light," did you? Congratulations DKE for screwing up the one good thing you guys had going for you.

You ever notice those annoying blurbs at the end of articles that don't quite go across the entire page? Well, to be perfectly honest, they're just there to fill space. Sorry.

Lauren and Selena's Top Ten

Mission #1: Streaking Across the Quad

When we first envisioned our final mission three months ago, we imagined a senior spring filled with a haze of smoke, keg stands, Senator's Club handles, and daily walks of shame. We originally thought that our streaking mission would take place spontaneously after a long night at the bars. In actuality, streaking the quad turned out to be a study break between paper writing and studying for exams.

Selena Coppock '02 and Lauren Reynolds '02

The plan was set. We decided to meet in the Sig Parking lot at 3am Wednesday morning - honestly, who is up at 3am? Apparently, a lot more people than you want to see when you're planning to run naked across the Quad. We stashed two sets of clothes in Sig, and drove over to our self-imposed starting line at Dunham. We parked the car facing the football field, and as we disrobed, an entire pledge class scampered before us toward the golf course. We thanked God that we hadn't been ten minutes earlier, otherwise those little fockers would have gotten a line-up, Showgirls-style.

We didn't pansy-ass this mission. Clad in only navy baseball hats and sneakers, we tried to summon the courage to leave the safety of our now steamed-up cocoon. We heeded Garth Brook's advice: "Life is not tried, it is merely survived, if you are standing outside the fire." One false start later, we were on our way.

Early in the run, we were overtaken by the hilarity of the situation - two relatively sober girls butt naked, storming the quad. We gained confidence and speed as we passed between Root and Carnegie, unaware of the Campus Safety van that was slowly making its way past the Chapel, in perfect position to intercept the two birthday suit bombshells.

Selena spotted the van first, and was able to hide behind a tree while shouting, "Security!" Lauren, focused on the stash of clothes waiting for them in Sig, was deaf to Selena's calls of warning. Literally caught in the headlights of the Security van, Lauren called upon her tortoise-like reflexes to save her from the approaching embarrassment. Lauren headed for the tree, somehow thinking it would provide a large enough hiding space for the naive nudes. Luckily, Selena's "fight or flight" response was in high gear, as she began to high-tail it from the Quad. Lauren followed, hoping that Campus Security was still frozen in place from the "white lightning." Like an episode of COPS, there was a lot of nudity, a lot of running, and a lot of cursing. Luckily, this time the campus po-po didn't get their man, or naked women.

Looking back (hours later), we're not really sure why we did this, and we certainly don't recommend doing this at home... home being the Main Quad at 3am on a Wednesday morning. The one thing we have learned from all of these missions is that the combination of sleep deprivation, booze, and an impending graduation will drive anyone to perform sketchy, sketchy feats.

Sciencey-Wiencey

Health Center reports: cases of plague are down

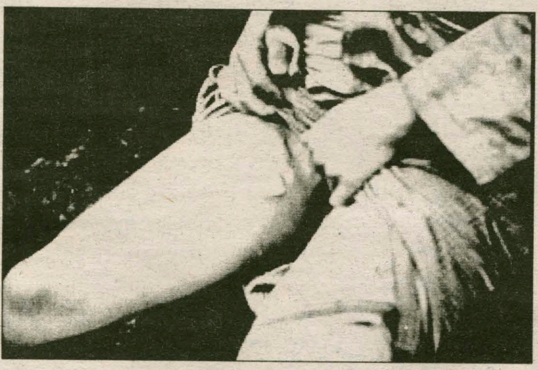
by Mike Robe '03
CHIEF MEDICAL CORRESPONDANT

First reports from the Health Center appear encouraging this year when compared to those of last year. There have been significantly less cases of bubonic plague to strike students this year in comparison to years past. The disease, caused by bacteria, usually affects anywhere from 80 to 200 students on campus each year. This year, preliminary reports show that only 53 students have been infected; however, it may be too soon to tell.

The disease, which is caused by the bacteria Yersinia pestis, is characterized by the presence of buboes, enlarged and swollen lymph nodes around the groin and armpit areas of the body. It is because of these rather unsightly buboes that many of the cases of plague on campus each year go untreated. "Lots of students infected with the disease are too embarrassed to come to the Health Center once they notice the buboes," says Director of the Health Center Gwen Dibley, "and this only has the potential to spread the disease further."

While the vast majority of students diagnosed with plague are successfully treated each year (the last fatality was in 1998), those who do not receive treatment prolong the disease and can suffer for months on end. Laura Barndt, a sophomore who was infected with the plague last year, urges students who suspect they are infected to get treatment as soon as possible: "The plague is nothing to mess with. My boyfriend dumped me when he found out I had buboes; fortunately, I managed to infect him before we broke up."

Reasons behind the decrease in cases of bubonic plague on campus remain unclear. As one cannot be infected twice, it may be simply that so many students have had the disease and have built up immunity to it that there are few left who are susceptible to the disease. Whatever the reasons, the decrease in cases sheds some positive light on the number of infectious diseases running rampant on campus.



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This unfortunate Hamilton student reveals the nasty buboes ruining his social life; he has not been invited to one Bundy party this semester.

While cases of bubonic plague are down this year, it seems to be a record-breaking year for cases of syphilis and gonorrhea. These two bacterial infections are sending massive numbers of students to the Health Center each day. "I've never seen a situation like this before," remarks Dibley. "These diseases appear to be spreading faster than the ebola virus did last year, and that's saying a lot."

While sexually transmitted diseases are apparently the disease of choice on campus this year, the Health Center also reports a significant increase in the number of cases of tuberculosis and elephantiasis. "Elephantiasis in particular has really increased since last year," says Dibley, "although ringworm and gas gangrene have showed similar increases and appear to be running it a close second; it's going to be a photo finish."

While the majority of Hamilton students will probably simply settle for a sexually transmitted disease or two, Arthur Putey '02 prides himself in acquiring the entire collection of bacterial infections simultaneously. "I've spent four years here and have not been without some type of disease for more than a few days. I pride myself in my infections; it really shows how far I've come in four years. I also like to think that I've left my mark at Hamilton, and with syphilis, I definitely have," he coughs. "Gonorrhea was the last one I got, and now I feel that my Hamilton College career can be complete; where else but Hamilton could I have been exposed to such a fabulous array of virulent flora and enjoyed every minute of it?"

Study shows most worms never get across Martin's Way

by Arthur Pod '04
SCIENCE WRITER

A controversial new study released from the National Institutes of Health shows that only one out of every 2000 worms that cross Martin's Way makes it to the other side. This astonishing finding shocked the scientific world, as it seems that the worms, not unlike lemmings, are voluntarily thrusting themselves in harm's way and in the footpaths of students.

While the study appears to suggest that the majority of these worms have a death wish, careless students who pay no attention to the worms elevate the death toll. "The problem is that students don't seem to be at all concerned about the worms. It's almost as if they smash them intentionally," commented Dr. Steven Goodbottom of the NIH. Hamilton student Dirk Fogelway '04 actually confirms Dr. Goodbottom's worst nightmare: "I actually aim for them [the worms]. It's a fun little game that I play with myself."

As thousands of worms successfully commit suicide on Martin's Way each time it rains, the question is why? While it seems that the college campus offers worms everything their little slimy bodies could desire, the mere fact that so many are disgruntled enough to attempt the mostly fatal journey raises concern. Dr. Goodbottom suggests that perhaps the pH in the soil is not quite right, or perhaps they are still bitter over the Res Life decision to take away the fraternity houses.

"Whatever the reason," he continues, "it is of utmost importance that attempts to ease the disenchantment of the creatures are made. I mean who really wants to see those gross things crawling all over the sidewalk? It's disgusting."

As it seems, the majority of Hamilton's earthworm population is significantly depressed, and as it is virtually impossible to determine the cause of their miserable behavior and bad attitudes, we

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are left, according to Dr. Goodbottom, with only two options in dealing with the unhappy creatures.

"We can either attempt to raise awareness for the plight of the worms and try to coax them out of their depression by taking the time to urge them off Martin's Way and out of danger, or, and this is most certainly the easiest option, we can simply trample and squash as many as we can," says Dr. Goodbottom. "Putting them out of their misery may be the best thing for them," he continues. "It will hopefully reinforce in them the sanctity and the privilege of life."

Huge genetically diabetic mouse wreaks havoc in science building

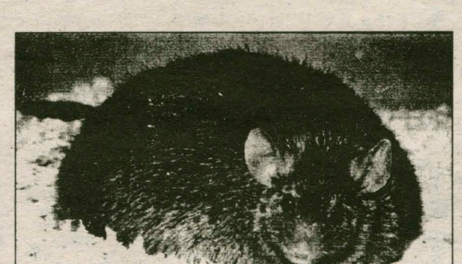
by Michael Palin '02
CONTRIBUTING SCIENCE WRITER

An enormous genetically diabetic mouse (*db/db*) has grown out of control in the science building. The genotype, which codes for obesity, has allowed this mouse to grow from a rather normal 24.5 grams to an astronomical 42,422 grams, and it has taken over the majority of the second floor. The genetically diabetic mouse originated from a physiology project in which students were monitoring body weight and blood glucose of genetically diabetic mice and comparing them to normal mice. The project, which has lasted the 12 weeks of the semester, was supposed to show that the faulty leptin receptor in diabetic mice fails to bind the leptin and recognize the satiety factor when feeding; thus, the animals become obese. However, it seems that something has gone horribly wrong.

In the final weeks of the experiment, one of the three mice exhibiting the diabetic genotype began gaining weight almost exponentially. It soon became so heavy that it could no longer be weighed in a conventional balance. Physiology student Emma Woodhouse '03 recalls, "one week we came in and the mouse had just grown out of control; it took two of us to lift!"

As the weeks passed, the mouse surpassed most of the students in body weight and required an incredible ten pounds of standard lab chow each day. "By the end," Woodhouse continues, "it just became frightening." Any attempts to record the weight or blood glucose value of the mouse resulted in multiple student injuries, including broken arms, sprained ankles, and several concussions.

Soon the experiment was called off due to safety issues; however, the mouse still remains a huge threat to not only the staff and students in the biology department, but also to the infrastructure of the science building itself. The massive animal has taken control of the animal room on the second floor and is holding several professors and staff members at bay. The animal demands up to 45 pounds of lab chow a day and becomes aggressive and violent if adequate food is not provided.



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This photo was taken when the mouse was a harmless 42 grams. The creature is now nearly larger in diameter than the Events Barn and is considered very dangerous.

Fears that the animal may seriously injure someone remain a cause for alarm, and professors and staff are doing all they can to keep the animal calm. However, it seems that the mere incredulity associated with the gigantic animal is enough to keep the mouse in control of the situation. This is the first documented case in which an enormously obese diabetic animal has thrived for any extended period of time. The genetic defect in the leptin receptor, along with increased weight, is usually associated with a shortened lifespan. However, this mouse does not appear to follow any of these rules.

The situation will continue to be monitored until a solution is found. For now, however, it seems that the colossal animal will continue with its stronghold on the biology department, at least until staff members can devise a plan to rid the science building of the freakish animal. Students are warned to stay away from the second floor of the science building, as two students who were seen there last week are still currently missing. While it is true that the animal is simply a mouse, it is a big mouse, and is one that is not to be trifled with.

Ditching Stir-Fry: Rt. 233 'Delights' debut in Commons

by Sloppy Guisseppe
FEATURES FOODSTUFFS

A few weeks ago, an article was published in the Features section aboutalternative Commons recipes. "Be creative with your food," was the lesson. Apparently, ingredients can be derived from a variety of unexpected sources: Townie refrigerators, Rt. 233 'surprises' and local CNY specialities. The following recipes can be found, along with many of its kind, at *www.bertc.com/recipes.htm.* So, put on your bib and dig in, folks. Just don't expect any lovin' with that breath, and keep it real on your lonesome during this culinary experience, ok? Check it.

SLUG FRITTERS:
Ingredients:
10 freshly slaughtered slugs cleaned of all outer mucous
1/2 cup of commeal
1/2 cup of high protein flour
3 eggs
2 egg yolks
1/4 cup of heavy cream
4 tbs. Of butter
4tsp.of sour cream
Instructions:
First chop the slugs into fine mince, then beat the eggs and egg yolks with the heavy cream together. Sift the dry ingredients and then cut 2 tbs of butter into that mixture. Add the egg and cream mixture to the dry ingredients and whip with a whisk vigorously for one to two minutes. Melt one tbs of butter in a sauté pan and pure the batter into 2 1/2 inch cakes in two batches. Serve warm with a dollop of sour cream. Yields 4 servings.

CRUDITES WITH VOMIT VINAIGRETTE
Ingredient:
Cherry tomatoes
Carrots — peeled
Zucchini
Celery stalks
Radishes
Mushroom caps
2c Cottage cheese
1 Onion soup mix
1/4c Milk
Yellow food coloring

Rinse the vegetables in warm water, except the mushroom caps. Wipe those gently with a damp paper towel. Then slice the carrots, zucchini and celery into thin sticks. The cherry tomatoes can be served whole, but you may want to remove any green stems. The radishes and mushrooms can be halved or served whole. If you are not serving right away, put the vegetables in a plastic bag and store them in the refrigerator to keep them fresh and crispy. In a small bowl, mix the cottage cheese, onion soup mix and milk. Stir in some food coloring until you get the desired yellowish color. Do not overmix! Lumpy is more realistic! Arrange your vegetables on a platter surrounding the Vomit Vinaigrette. Vomit Vinaigrette tastes great in sandwiches, too! Try splattering some into pita pockets!

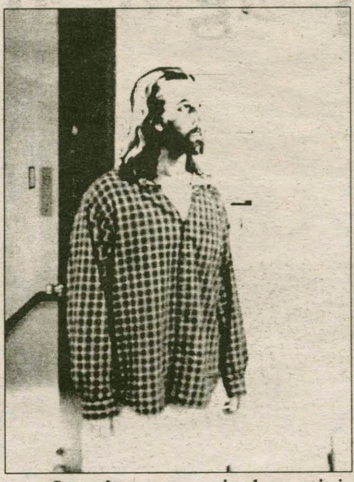
COW UDDER ECLAIRS:
12 fresh lean cow udders
1 pint of whipping cream
1 cup of brown sugar
1 can artichoke hearts
1 stick butter
1 small filleted smelt
1 container of Nair
Soak the cow udders in Nair to remove the hair. Repeat several times ifnecessary until all hair is removed. Rinse in warm water. Place a stick ofbutter into a warm frying pan. Wait until all of the butter has melted,then add the cow udders. Fry them for 15-20 minutes until golden brown.Chop the artichoke hearts and smelt on a cutting board into fine pieces. Ina large bowl, add the whipping cream, brown sugar and the chopped artichokesand smelt. With a mixer on low, whip until creamy with a consistency like vanilla pudding. Remove the udders from the pan and make a long slice downthe side of each udder. Spread the pudding mixture into each slit. Servewarm or cold and have an "Udderly Wonderful" snack.

BEAVER IN SOUR CREAM:
1 Beaver, skinned and cleaned 1 ts Salt
1/2 c Vinegar
1/4 ts Paprika
1 tb Salt
1/4 c Butter
2 qt Water
1 md Onion, sliced
2 ts Soda
1/2 c Water
1/2 c Flour
1 c Sour cream

1. Soak beaver overnight in solution of 1/2 cup vinegar and 1 tablespoon salt in cold water to cover. 2. The next day, remove the beaver from the brine, wash and cover with solution of 2 teaspoons soda to 2 quarts of water. Bring to a boil, reduce heat and simmer 10 minutes.3. Drain and rinse beaver and cut into serving pieces.4. Dredge each piece of meat thoroughly in the seasoned flour.5. Melt butter in a heavy fry pan and brown the pieces of meat.6. Transfer meat to a greased casserole, slice onions over top, add water and bake at 325 degrees F. until tender.7. When meat is almost tender, add 1 cup sour cream to the casserole. Stir well and continue cooking until tender. Serves 4.

Feature Freshman: Jesus

by Ivana Preyalot '04
FEATURES DISCIPLE



This week's feature freshman is the son of God, Jesus Christ, a first year who has quickly risen to become a leader in the Hamilton community.

Jesus, who hails from Bethlehem, Israel, is planning to be a religious studies/ computer science major, with a possible minor in dance. "I'm just not sure" Jesus commented, though he is sure that at least one of his majors will be comp sci. His religious studies courses have been difficult, Christ relates to Spectator interviewers. "I got closed out of 'Origins of Christianity,' and the professor wouldn't let me in. Head of religious studies Maurry Finklesburg comments, "Jesus just didn't have the prerequisites for a 400-level course."

"My Christian studies class is pretty easy," he states. "Though I got a B on my first paper, I've been working with the professor to try to iron out the problems with my arguments.

Jesus's extracurricular activities include the intervarsity Christian fellowship, volleyball, and saving mankind from their sins. He plans to join the AD society, noting "sandals, pure and simple" as his primary reason.

While not busy with his studies, Jesus works at Café Opus to help pay tuition. "He makes a mean Latte," Dirk Fogelway '04 comments. Jesus is also working on a new book, The Bible: Part II. "I'm still working on the title... The main reason I came to Hamilton was to work on my writing skills, so I've taken passages of The Bible: Part II to the writing center a few times, but they always rag on my passive voice." Commenting on his work in progress, he states "I've been tossing this idea around for years... a couple thousand now."

He plans to take a semester abroad in the holy land to "do good. I know I won't get any writing done there. Centeral New York is really the atmosphere I need to bang this F***** out."

Christ's' volleyball career has taken off, due mainly to his patented "ascension" move, which consists of Jesus rising high above the court and willing the ball into the opponent's side with ungodly, or rather, godly force. "When I saw him spike that ball I was like 'woah, Jesus can play'" comments Skidmore player Jackson Jacksonovich '05.

We can expect a lot from the son of God. Keep an eye out for his new book the Bible: Part two, as well as the New New Testament, an article appearing in the New Republic.

Memo to: All *Spectator* staff members
Re: use of foul language

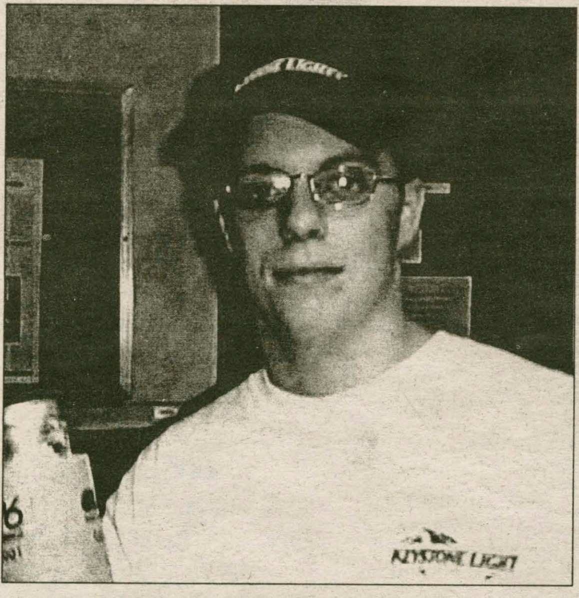
It has come to the attention of management that some individuals have been using foul langauge in the course of normal conversation between staff members. Due to complaints from some of the more easily offended staff members, this conduct will no longer be tolerated.

The managememt does, however, realize the importance of each individual being able to properly express his or her feelings when communicating with fellow staff members. Therefore, managment has compiled the following coded list of ideas and information, essential for the production of the *Spectator* to continue.

New Spectator Phrase:	***Old Spectator Phrase:***
I'm not certain that's feasible.	No fucking way!
Oh, really?	You've got to be shitting me!
Perhaps you should check with...	Tell someon who gives a fuck...
Of course I'm concerned.	Ask me if I give a fuck.
I was not involved in that project.	It's not my fucking problem.
Interesting behavior.	What the fuck?
I'm not certain that's feasible.	Fuck it! It won't work!
I'll try to schedule that.	Why the fuck didn't they tell me that sooner?
Perhaps I can work late.	When the fuck do they expect me to do this?
Are you sure it's a problem?	Who the fuck cares?
I see.	Eat shit and die.
He's not familiar with the problem.	He's got his head up his ass.
They weren't happy with it	What the fuck do you want from me?
You don't say?	Go to hell.
So you'd like help with it?	Kiss my ass!
I love a challenge!	This job sucks!
So you want me to take care of this?	Who the hell died and made you boss?
I'm very frustrated.	Cum Dumpster!

The Movie Page

FARTSY



Paul P. Jones is this week's FARTSY!!!!!!!!!!

First fart? Ahhh...I remember it well. Wait, no I don't.

Favorite? The one that goes like, ppppssssbbbbbtttfffffgg!! Haha! I love that one!

Favorite place to fart? I don't care where I fart! As long as I DO!

Ten years down the line? ppppppssssssbbbbttttttt!! hahaha!!

Ever have an accident? This one time in high school I shit my pants while trying to fart. The teacher told me to go to the nurse. Haha...actually that happened a lot.

Thoughts on graduation? I was thinking about ripping one during Christie-what's-her-name's speech.

Likes? Baked-beans, bleach for my undies, and plenty of Lysol

Words of Wisdom? If you don't want anyone to smell it, try to filter it with your butt-cheeks.

Nobody knows? I bottle my farts and sell them as commercial-strength paint stripper.

Gaming Corner ends: Yaltir arrested for bootlegging compact disks

Mithat Yaltir looks out from behind the bars of his prison cell. The real shame: no more Gaming Corner

Fans of The Gaming Corner: I regret to inform you that The Gaming Corner has been temporarily shut down. Mithat Yaltir, leading writer, has been arrested for unlawful duplication of copyrighted material with the intent to sell. Yaltir faces up to three years in prison in addition to a $250,000 fine.

Earlier this week, FBI agents stormed Yaltir's dormitory. "It was very scary to see all those agents here on the Hill," an eyewitness said. After thoroughly searching Yaltir's room, authorities recovered suspicious compact discs including PC software, VCDs and music CDs. FBI agents believes that Yaltir illegally duplicated these CDs and use his underground network to sell them to international buyers. Yaltir's personal computer is fully equipped with a CD-burner and software to crack copy protection. Rumors suggest that Yaltir was on the verge of acquiring a brand new up to date DVD-burner along with region-code lock breaking software when he was arrested. Authorities failed to find evidence pointing to this fact.

An agent who asked to remain anonymous said that Yaltir was under surveillance before his in order to identify any collaborators, but declined to reveal further information at time. It is believed that Yaltir used The Gaming Corner to mask the real reason for his enormous collection of PC software. Yaltir will appear in court next week here in downtown Clinton.

He asked me as his editor to publish the following piece:

Dear Gaming Corner fan/reader,

I know that you heard many bad things about me, but please read what I have to say before making up your mind.

First of all, all of the CDs FBI discovered in my room are legal. I own original copies of the so-called bootleg CDs. I brought the copies to the US instead of the originals to avoid "casualties" during transportation. Some games, like Diablo II, won't let you play multiplayer unless you have the original CD. Therefore, I brought the original version for those games.

I contacted my family and they are compiling the receipts and original CDs to help my attorney end this humiliating experience. FBI has nothing against me, but a bunch of conspiracies and assumptions.

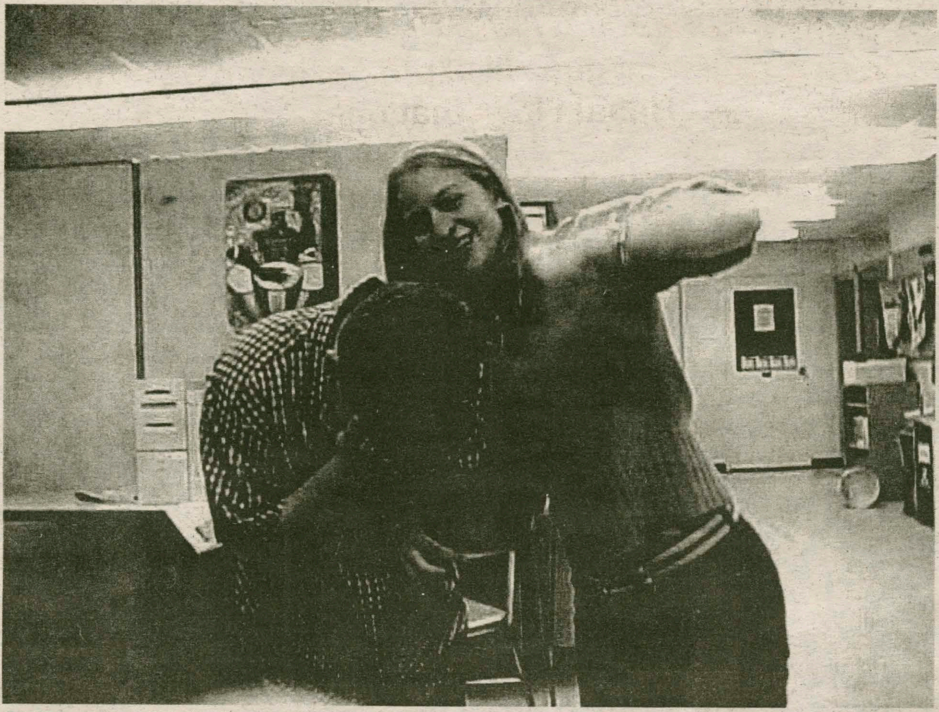
I hope all this nightmare will end as soon as possible. I hope I can clear my name. I hope I can revive the Gaming Corner. Most importantly, I hope my readers will not lose their faith in me. Thank you for reading the gaming corner.

Things could be worse, I could be in a Turkish prison,
Mithat Yaltir

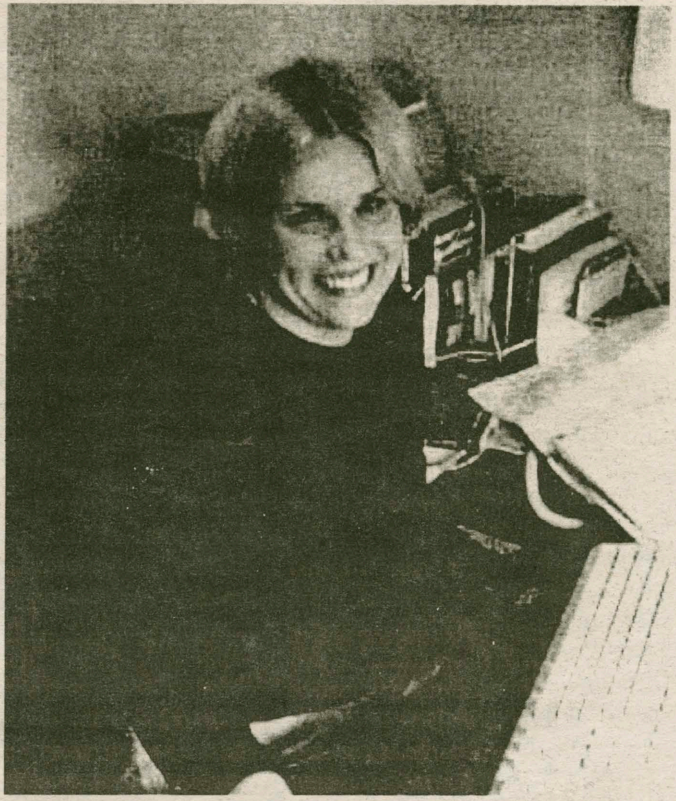
The Arts & Entertainment Section would like to wish Press Release Editor Priyanka Khanna a happy and healthy trip abroad! You will be missed...

-A&E Editor # 2

Who opened the cages?!



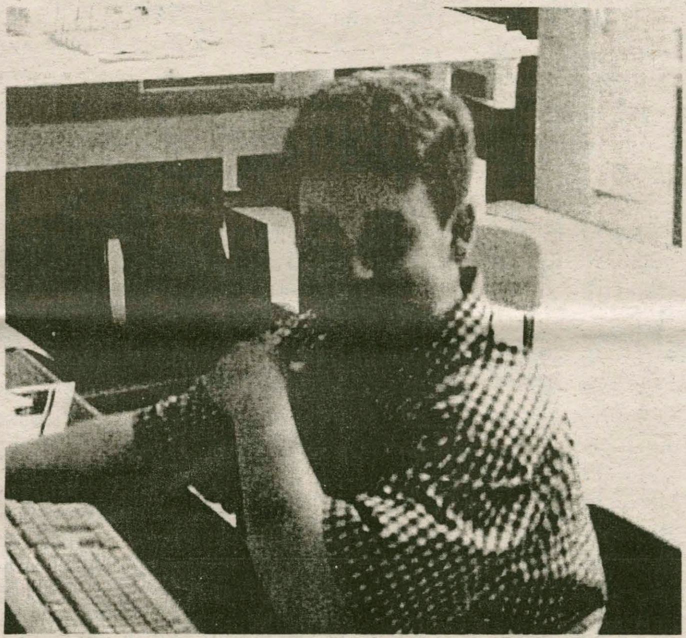
Editor-in-chief Sarah Karalunas shows weakling managing editorAndy Horner who the real boss is



Seniors Amy Kopriva, (picture above) Lauren Reynolds, and Lindsay Griffiths will be missed very much by the Staff of the *Spectator*.

Features co-editor Chris Takacs and News editor Kat McGrory wave good-bye to another good night's rest

Alisa Nichols has two talents: Copy editing and the ability to draw unsuspecting editors into deep slumbers.



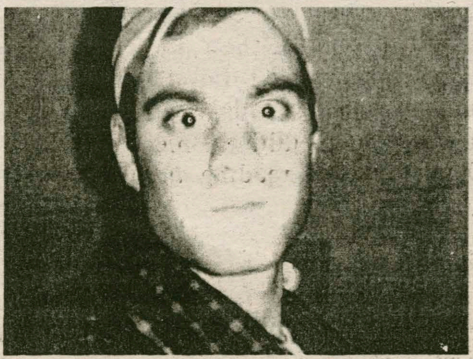
"Are you kidding me? Girls love my seductive New York accent."

Chuck Spiliotis and Greg Ghiozzi, giants of the *Spec*

Chris Preston works in misery. Oh where o where has Reynolds gone?

The science section's Hannah Stahle asks, "Where the #$%^ is Kristen Patrick?!"

Layout editor Rachel Manwill lays a wet one on Joel, our one and only *Spec* superfan



Greg Ghiozzi on a good day

Athletes of the Week: Beirut Life Partners Chris and Jon

by The New Peter Ringel
Spec's Ladies Man

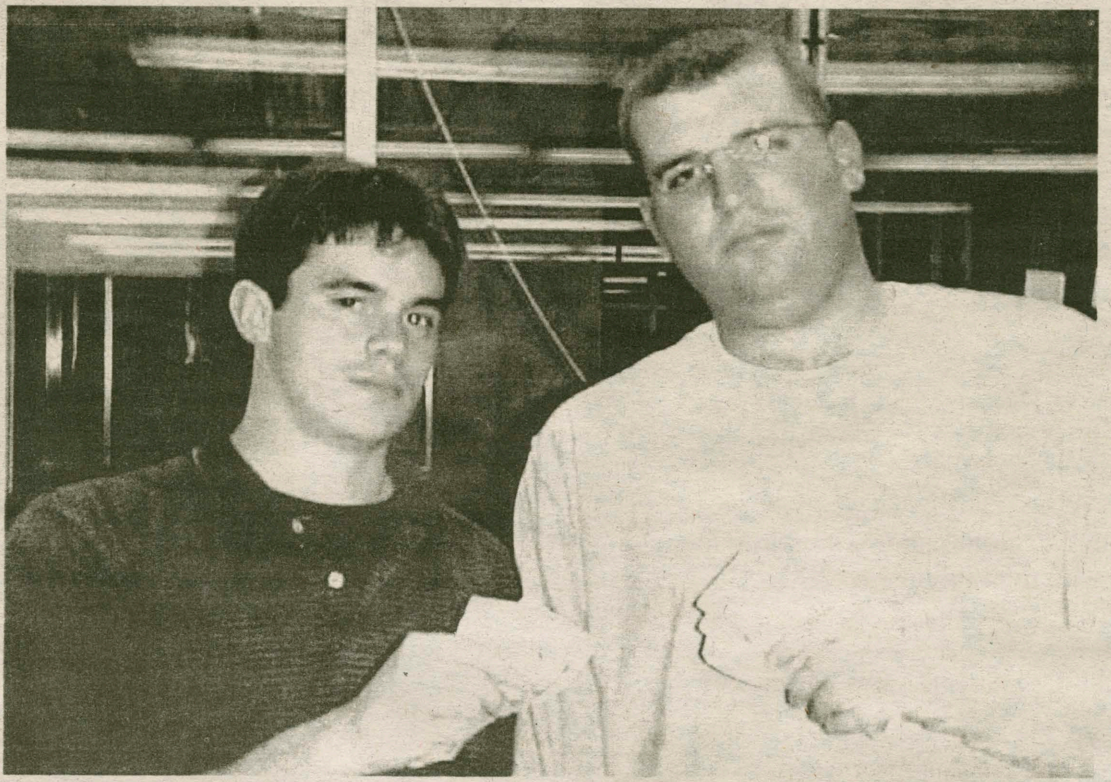


PHOTO BY CANNON SURESHOT
When couple Chris Preston and Jon Fehlman are not tossing balls, they enjoy holding dollar bills and trying to look tough.

The first annual Spanktator Athlete(s) of the Week are Beirut all-stars Jon Fehlman '03 and Chris Preston '03. Last Saturday they edged out eleven other teams, including Tim Berbenich '02, Brett Zalaski '03 and Central New York's finest, at a Beirut tournament held at Myron's Bar in Rome. Fehlman and Preston took home 220 dollars for their Herculean efforts, and staked their claim as CNY's best Beirut team. Far from modest, they are currently accepting all challenges from Hamilton students. Just call x2549, even if you just want to talk smack to them. Despite numerous requests from the likes of *ESPN*, *Sports Illustrated*, and *Playgirl*, these two Hamiltonians stuck to their roots and decided to conduct their first public interview with the Spanktator.

Name: Jon Fehlman
Year: 2003
Major/Minor: I am a major asshole with a minor in economics
Height/Weight: 6'4", 140
Hometown/High School: Liverpool, NY/ Liverpool High School
Team Record: Team, there is an I in this team - I am the number one player in the school.
Beirut accolades: Team champion in the Myron's Bar April Shootout, 2001 AP player of the year and 3 time Carnegie 302 champion.
Most memorable moment in your career: Taking home 220 big ones after winning the Myron's tourney
Favorite Beirut beer: 4 game old Keystone Light, which is usually the case when we play.
Greatest Beirut tandem of all-time: Besides me and Preston? Well then I would have to say me and anyone else on this campus.
If you could be anyone for a day, who would you be: Jay Wellen, 'cause fat, drunk and stupid is the ideal way to go through life.
Favorite Beirut background song: I don't like music when playing, it drowns out the sound of the ball splashing in the cup.
If you find yourself in class wearing women's erotic underwear, what would you say to your classmates? Whoops, I must have raided Preston's underwear drawer.
Favorite Strip Club—Peepers or Lookers: I frequent both.

Name: Chris Preston
Year: 2003
Height/Weight: Too short, too fat.
Hometown/High School: Richmond, VA/ Collegiate High School-grooming Beirut champions every day
Major/Minor: Beirut with a minor in Quarters
Beirut accolades: First in the 2002 Coors Cup standings, Team MVP in the Myron's tourney (you heard right, Fehlman), 1999 Root Hall Rookie of the Year.
Nicknames: P-Shump, P-Diddy, P-Dog, P-Nes.
Most memorable moment in your career: The Brawl in Dunham Hall '01-a Beirut game that turned very, very ugly.
Beirut 'dream pair' you would like to face someday: Andy Horner and David Zane
Are you thinking about turning pro: Yes but I've fulfilled all the necessary credits to graduate in three years, so technically I am not leaving early. I anticipate being the number one overall pick.
Favorite drinking movie: *Leaving Las Vegas* - a drunk who bangs hot chicks, sign me up!
Do you think you have reached the pinnacle of Beirut, or can you take it to another level: This right arm makes more magic by the day.
Gynecologist-sweet job or defamation of a sacred place: It would be pretty sweet if your mom was my patient, Paul.
Do you have any trick shots: When things get intense, I like to pull out The Nuke-everyone's afraid of it and it blows the competition away.
Who wins in a fight, a dolphin or a bald eagle: I don't know, but I know me and Fehlman could take 'em in Beirut.

Baseball destroys Williams, Hell freezes over

by Suck Apoleiotis '03
ATHLETIC SUPPORTER

After another three game sweep, this time over lowly Williams, the men's baseball team has clinched its first NESCAC West crown in school history. The offensively anemic Ephs could manage only seven hits in the series, while senior aces Hamie Jarrison and Catt Carsello picked up shutouts in games two and three.

Captain Jarrison said, "It doesn't really matter that much anyways, I just want to go home and get drugged up for tonight. We'll keep winning; we're too damn good to lose to any of these pussies anyway."

Jarrison upped his record to 8-0, while Carsello is not far behind at 7-1. Carsello's Achilles heel has been hit batsman; his only loss came when he hit 13 consecutive batters in the ninth against Utica College early in the season.

"I'll hit a guy if I need to hit a guy. I'm from the Cuse. You jokers got no idea what it's like out there."

Senior closer Chicken Heart earned a save in the opener, giving him 12 on the year, just one shy of the team record. He missed several games earlier in the year due to "lung problems", but since team doctor "Doc" got him back in playing shape, he's yet to blow a save.

On the offensive end, the Conts banged out 57 hits on the weekend, taking advantage of Williams' traditionally weak hurlers. Jon Studd, Sugar Zema, and Hack Jalas combined for 20 of the hits, including 6 homers. Studd and Jalas are deadlocked with 12 apiece, while Zema is one behind with 11.

Zema said, "You white people don't understand how hard it is to hit on my arches. My whole left system is broke, and I can't even do my jumping jax. How am I supposed to hit without my jumping jax?"

Studd added, "I clearly am the best homerun hitter, but that's because I'm from the Pool. It's really not fair for everybody else. I mean I am the Stud after all.."

The team's leading hitter is shortstop Gatt Moosen, coming in with a .447 clip to go along with 35 RBIs. Moosen had eight hits over the weekend, while his double play and possible life partner Zett Ralaski had five of his own. The two also lead all of Division III baseball with 49 DPs recorded thus far. At third, rookie Lav Ali has filled a very nice hole for the Conts. The miniature man has 22 stolen bases under his belt, to lead all small men.

Moosen commented, "All that really matters is that we win. Stats don't really mean anything. All that matters is winning and that all the girls still want me. I am such a pimp it is really unbelievable. VT. Rok. It doesn't matter. The more I score, the more we score."

Since stepping in as DH just two weeks ago, senior Favin Gitts has had a torch lit under him. In a stretch of just 9 games, Gitts is 23-37 with 6 homers and 20 RBIs. He was named NESCAC Player of the Week last week for his performance in Hamilton's sweep of Amherst, and hopes to continue coaching after college, perhaps in the major leagues.

"What it's really all about for me is yabos. Yabos, yabos, yabos. On the field, off the field, yabos are on my mind. That's the bottom line," said the wily old vet.

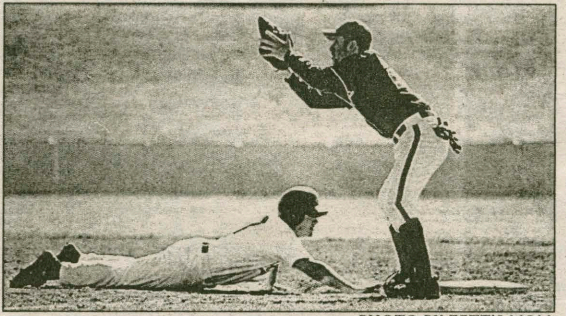


PHOTO BY ZETT'S MOM
Zett Ralaski slides just short of second.

In the outfield, right fielder Luke Owitz has also made big contributions of late, including a team record 12 triples on the season. Owitz also dazzled us with a pair of homerun saving catches to preserve Carsello's shutout.

He commented, "I basically do it all for the freshmen girls. That's what it comes down to. Baseball will always be in the back seat, because beer and freshmen are just a little too important for me right now. But I am still the best outfielder on this team."

On the other side, Dike Durphy, just a freshman, has stepped in to hit .350, despite his 127 strikeouts on the year. Durphy is not what one would characterize as a contact hitter, per se, but he still swings a hell of a bat.

"I'm just a little drunk around gametime sometimes, but I don't feel like it effects me at all. I've been drinking heavily since I was 7, so I'm used to it by now."

The team now stands at 27-3 with just 4 games left to play and the NESCAC West Championship already clinched. They'll face off against Union this week with hopes of physically beating them into the ground and then taking their money.

Coach John Keady said of the upcoming rival, "I'm not really sure about Union, but I just want us to have good form running and partner stretching before the game. That's really my focus right now."

What are you going to do for May 12? The history, traditions, and stories of Mother's Day

by Caitlin Springborn '03
FEATURES WRITER

Mother's Day is the one day of the year we are all obligated to show our mothers how much we care about them. For most of us this (hopefully) won't prove to be a great challenge. If you remembered, you already sent a card and possibly a small gift. If you forgot, you are currently scrambling to find the number of a local florist to send over a "Mother's Day" bouquet.

This year my mother is getting her "peace and quiet," supplemented by a few new CD's and a gift certificate to her favorite spa.

The second Sunday of May is a holiday dedicated to honoring and celebrating our Mothers. Mother's Day started in England as "mothering Sunday," celebrated on the fourth Sunday of Lent. In 1872 Mothers Day came to the United States as a day dedicated to peace. In 1907, Ana Jarvis petitioned to make Mother's Day a national holiday celebrated on the second Sunday of May, in remembrance of her own mother's death. In 1914 President Woodrow Wilson made an official announcement proclaiming Mother's Day a national holiday that was to be held each year on the 2nd Sunday of May. (http://www.askjeeves.com)

As a child, my mom always said that all she wanted for Mother's Day was for me and my sisters to get along and have "a day without fighting," so that we could all spend some quality time together. Inevitably, there was always a major brawl because "someone stole someone else's favorite T-shirt without asking," and the day ended with all of us in tears. We were rarely able to give our mother the only thing she wanted on Mother's Day: peace and quiet. Now that we're older and finally learning how to share, we are able to avoid some of the conflicts that have plagued past Mother's Days. This year, my mother is getting her "peace and quiet," supplemented by a few new CD's and a gift certificate to her favorite spa.

Some students shared with me what they're getting Mom for Mother's Day. Although it's a little late to find and Fed-Ex these items to mom by Sunday, keep these student-suggestions in mind for future reference. For the mother who has everything? One student suggested a selection of Prada's new skincare products. For the mother who secretly likes to turn up the bass and bump around town after dropping the other kiddies off at school? A burned CD with all her favorite hip-hop hits (My mother was always partial to the radio version of "Back that Azz Up"). For the mother who needs a little TLC? A gift certificate for a manicure and pedicure. For the sentimental mother? A framed childhood picture of you (or you and siblings).

For the student who has a credit card and access to a computer? Saksfifthavenue.com and NeimanMarcus.com have special sections of their websites devoted to the holiday (and the bonus of overnight shipping!) For the student who has a little bit of time and not a lot of money? A construction-paper card, just like those you made back in grade school. If you are feeling especially creative and generous, you can make coupons for services you can provide to your mother, such as washing her car, mowing the lawn, or cooking her a homemade dinner... redeemable at any time. And finally, for the busy student who still wants to show that he cares? Flowers are always a much-appreciated gift.

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Is it going to be flowers, chocolates, or a TLC CD for mom this Mother's Day? Aside form the gifts, it's the little things you do to show her you care that really matter, so pick up the phone and remind her.

While no mother would ever complain about being showered with gifts on Mother's Day, sometimes it's the little things you do to show her you care that really matter. Just picking up the phone to tell your mom you love her (no matter how hung over you might be Sunday morning) might be enough to make her Mother's Day. At least it will put a smile on her face. Everyone likes to be appreciated, so maybe this Mother's Day you should take the time to thank your mother for all those things she does that you've never taken the time to thank her for. The way she still cuts the crusts off your sandwich because she knows just how much you hate the crusts. That time she took you to get your ears double-pierced because you wanted it so bad, even though she thought it was kind of tacky. The way she always forgives you after every big fight, even after you tell her that you hate her and you never ever want to see her again. All those things our moms do that make us love them... all those things that make our moms special!

How are you going to appreciate your mother this Mother's Day?

Summer jobs: 3 student's plans

by Celine Geiger '03
FEATURES WRITER

With summer fast approaching, it's time to start looking for jobs (if you don't already have one), planning out vacations, and, most importantly, looking forward to three months of relaxation. To see what some Hamilton students are doing this summer, I spoke with three members of the Class of 2004: Carly Capitula, Dan Fiore, and Michelle Fucci, who have various summer jobs. Here's what they had to say:

Dan Fiore:

I'm working at ICM (International Creative Management) in New York City. I'll be working for a film agent (he reads movie scripts and tries to put projects together, etc. etc.). I want to see if it's something I'll want to do after college. I'm also working part time at Abercrombie & Fitch to make some extra money. I'm working there because retail is one of the easiest jobs to do.

Carly Capitula:

Right after finals, I am headed to Florida. I'll be going to Marco Island, which is on the Gulf side. I have never swam in the Gulf of Mexico before, so I am psyched about it. I am going with my aunt and her family for the week. I plan on learning to windsurf and snorkel! My job starts in July after school ends-- it will be my second year there. I work as a camp councellor at a traveling day camp for underpriviledged kids. We go all over the Albany area to parks and pools and beaches. The job is through Unity House of Troy, which works with families in need, and it is thoroughly rewarding. I was a camp counselor for kids ages 6-7 last summer and hope to have the same age group this year. The best part about the job is hanging out outside all day and playing with kids, but the worst part is that some of the kids break your heart because they come from rough situations.

Michelle Fucci:

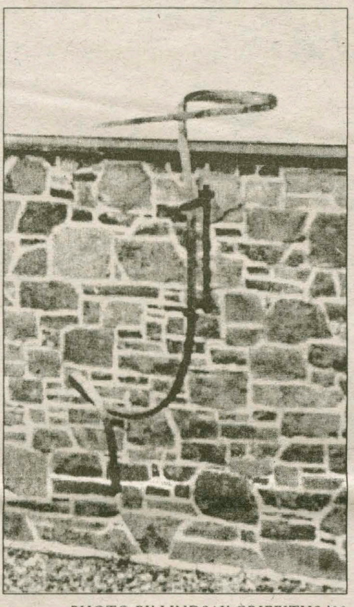
Basically, I'll be working for a golf tournament called the FleetBoston Classic, which is a Senior PGA tour event (the old dudes, not the young guys). I found the internship in one of the Career Center's databases, and I applied a few months ago. I am so excited about this job because I will be working in the field of sports and I get some experience in events planning, which is what I want to go into eventually. The best part of the job will be tournament time; it will be crazy (12 hour days!) but exciting, because there is so much planning that goes into an event and then it pays off for a few days! The worst part would be waking up at 6:30 in order to get to work by 8. It doesn't pay much, so i have to get a second job, but it will be great!

1/2 of the Features Section (along with the rest of the Spec) would like to wish the other 1/2 a great graduation and an excellent time in the South. (It ain't as bad as I made it out to be.) Thanks for all the fun times Amy--we'll all miss you!!!

Senior Projects: fun, fury, and fulfillment

by Alexandra Sear '04
FEATURES WRITER

Underclassmen at Hamilton sometimes envy the seniors: no traumatizing housing lottery or parking lottery to suffer through, no early morning web-registration fiascoes or registering frustration to worry about, and then there's that whole 21 thing... but sometimes we forget that hallmark of a Hamilton liberal arts education: the senior



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project. 'Tis the season for the class of 2002 to culminate their studies of the past three years in a fully developed, and in most cases agonizingly stressful, series of papers, performances, lectures, and pieces. Some were fortunate enough to have theirs finished in the fall, but ask most seniors around campus how they are these days and "My senior project is so much work! I'm so busy! Ahhhhh!" As if finding a job after graduation wasn't stressful enough.

In order to understand what they're going through a little bit more, I decided to talk to a couple of seniors to get their thoughts on the end product of a year (and sometimes more) of work. Amy Krasner, a psychology major, is presenting her study, "Factors Contributing to the Body Image of Adolescent Girls," this Thursday. It consists of data and results from interviews she conducted with 18 teenaged girls, a paper, and the presentation. The projects aren't limited to one semester-Amy's been working on this all year, and she "read all summer for it." It's crunch time now though, as deadlines (and graduation) are rapidly approaching. "It's all I do now. It's been pretty much the same all semester, but the last month has been particularly frantic," Amy said.

Geoarchaeology major Patrick Wickman has also been putting the finishing touches on his senior project, which he's presenting on the 8th. He's the only geoarchaeology major this year and only the second the college has ever had. His project is on "Using X-Ray Fluorescence Spectometry to Identify the Source Location of Lithic Artifacts from Great Basin, Nevada." Explained less technically, he is looking at the elemental composition of thousand-year-old stone tools and bi-faces to determine what site the artifacts came from. Pat spent six weeks last summer on-site at the Great Basin with the Geology department collecting samples, then analyzed them using the x-ray machine in the science building. His project at completion is an 80-page paper with graphs and data and a seven minute presentation (he says it's "a challenge to get all the information into only seven minutes") which he'll deliver to the Geo department and any interested members of the Hamilton community. That's one interesting thing about the senior project program-it puts the campus into easy contact with many diverse areas of study. "It's great seeing your friends present their work since you know them in another context. Some of their work really impressed me," said Pat.

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Bromber has revived the Student Arts League on campus, and encourages a "homegrown artistic community."

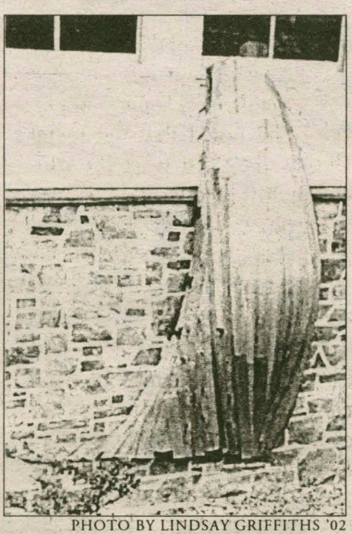
Both Amy and Pat had only positive things to say about their experience this year, especially the opportunity to work closely with a faculty member. "I would have done this instead of taking another class any day. The one-on-one work with my advisors (David Bailey and Tom Jones of Geology and Leslie Cecil of archaeology) has been great, and you really get to be an expert on your topic," said Pat.

Amy admits it will be hard to let her project go; "I love it, and I'm still so interested in my topic. I'm really attached to it since I met and interviewed all the girls in my study. And my advisor, Julie Dunsmore, she's amazing," she said.

Even though most seniors don't have concrete plans for after graduation, the projects are supposed to give them a head start in their fields, and it seems to be working. Pat said he might want to go into teaching, and, he said that explaining, delivering, and answering questions about his project is "great... It's helpful to know I can handle a project of high proportions, especially if I want to teach." Amy also thinks doing her project has given her an edge in her possible future plans of social work and counseling. "Doing a full study has been a great experience early on, and is great preparation for grad school," she said.

So even in the midst of fast-approaching deadlines and graduation stress, seniors still seem to be keeping a positive attitude about their final work at Hamilton, though, as Amy admitted, "Stress... yes, I've been pretty stressed."

It hasn't been all bad. "I've been working on this for so long that I'm not sure how I'm going to handle it when it's over-I won't know what to do with myself!" said Pat.



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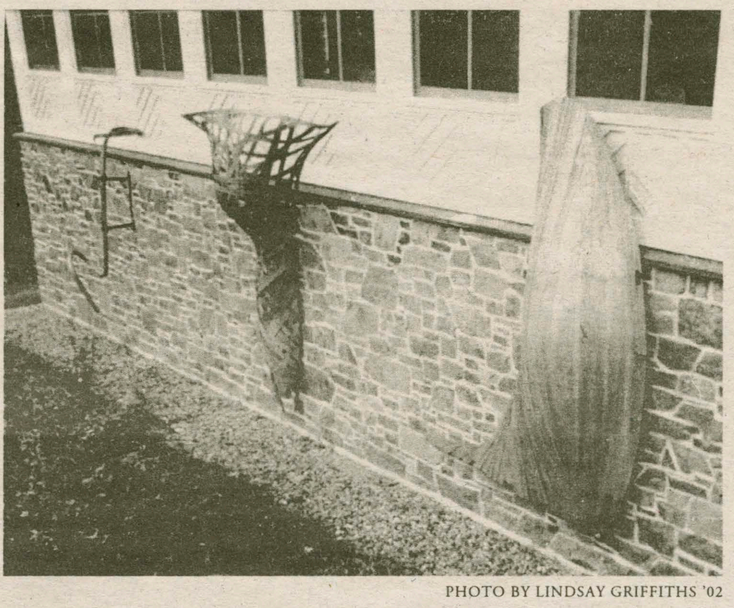
Bromberg hopes that the reunion will "memorialize, revitalize, and regenerate the future of arts at Hamilton."



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This example of a senior project, by Ava Bromberg '02, is currently displayed on the side of the Howard Diner. Expect to see more of Bromberg's contributions during the unveiling of her work at the Kirkland reunion in June.

Preserving the Kirkland College art legacy

Trellis to be dedicated at reunion; student artist argues for improvements in studios and program

by Amy Kopriva '02
Features editor

"Hamilton is a far better academic institution as a result of putting together the two institutions. Kirkland's philosophy was innovative, as was its curricular activities, and its focus on the arts was important. Hamilton has benefited greatly from those two components," said Dick Tantillo, vice president of Communications and Development, in speaking about the motivations behind the upcoming Kirkland reunion. On the weekend of June 7-9th, Hamilton will host its annual summer reunion, with a special emphasis on inviting Kirkland alumnae. According to Jennifer Potter Hayes '73, "this spring marks the thirtieth reunion of Kirkland's charter class, (1972) and they were an incredible group of pioneering women. The other class we are celebrating is the class of 1977, who are celebrating their 25th reunion. Next year marks the 25th anniversary of coeducation on the Hill, following the merger of the two colleges in 1978." The prospect of the event is particularly exciting for Potter-Hayes, and she commented," We expect to have the largest gathering of Kirkland alumnae return to the Hill to participate in the festivities."

In speaking further about the planning process and the goals of the event, Tantillo commented, "This will be a very special weekend and has been one on which we have been working for the past two to three years with a select committee of Kirkland alumnae, former Kirkland faculty, trustees, and friends; it is all-important in preserving the legacy of Kirkland College at Hamilton." Tantillo pointed out that the reunion is only one event in a continuing commitment to preserving the history of Kirkland and encouraging its ideals to be integrated into the spirit and future of Hamilton: "It is part of a broader program to more fully engage Kirkland alumnae over the next couple of years," he said.

In addition to a panel discussion of influential former Kirkland former students, eight people whom Tantillo described as being "torch-bearers in keeping the memory of Kirkland alive" will be honored in an awards ceremony. Most of these people are trustees of the College, and several are alumni. Tantillo named the upcoming recipients: Susan Valentine, Susan Skarratt '77, Sam Babbitt, Eugenie Hauemeyer, Frances Musselman '50, Richard Cooper '44, Elizabeth McCormick, and Charles Svenson '61. In addition, Sam Babbitt will be inaugurated as the recipient of the Chuck Root Lectureship. Sam Babbitt, whom many people will only recognize as having a dorm named after him, was the only president of Kirkland College during its 10 years of existence. Tantillo explained that it just seemed "poetic and right" that he receive the award, since, in addition to his contributions to our community, he was "a trailblazer for women's education in the United States and was certainly a leader in that regard. He was very personally involved with undergraduates during his time here, and he was certainly front and center in the undergraduate experience." Potter Hayes concurred with Tantillo's opinion that Babbitt embodies Kirkland's vision and ideals in saying, "He was hired before the first buildings were constructed; he hired the faculty, helped design the experimental curriculum, and set the tone for a new women's college that attracted some of the brightest, most talented women students of the decade. He personifies all that the college stood for and has been the glue that has held the Kirkland community together in the years following the highly controversial and bitterly contested demise of Kirkland."

According to Tantillo, Chuck Root was a founding Trustee of the College as well as a Hamilton graduate. Prior to his death, he set aside an endowment to celebrate women's education. Potter Hayes commented, "Before he died three years ago, he left a gift to Hamilton designated to commemorate Kirkland. His gift and others will underwrite the weekend, including the commissioned marker."

The marker, which will be placed on the South side of campus where the clock was formerly located, is currently undergoing its final preparations in time for the upcoming weekend. The trellis maker will be unveiled and formally dedicated to the College during a ceremony at the reunion. Potter Hayes explained how it will honor Kirkland and symbolically inspire a positive future for Hamilton: "The marker draws its inspiration from the Kirkland College seal, a stylized apple tree with bare roots, the blossom, fruit, and seed. A women's college thrived on the Hill from 1968 to 1978, and it is important to be reminded of the significance it that has had
in the history of coeducation and creative pedagogy at Hamilton."

John von Bergen '63, a local sculptor, was commissioned last summer by Hamilton to complete the trellis marker. Potter Hayes explains, "He has done commissioned work for many local institutions and was instrumental in starting the Sculpture Space, a local studio that provides space and funding for artists who are beginning their careers. His work is bold and modern." In a neat symbolic manner, the trellis represents Hamilton's past and present, as he is working with Ava Bromberg '02, a studio arts major who specializes in welding. Potter Hayes commented, "To have a Hamilton alumnus and a current Hamilton female student build this marker for Kirkland is truly a labor of love and a poetic gesture that no one anticipated."

Proudly mentioning that "John likes the music that I bring to the studio," Bromberg notes that he appreciates her funky jazz taste, even though he cannot remember all the names of her favorite bands. Bromberg commented that they have a good working relationship, and that she looks forward to the time she spends working on their project each week. von Bergen's studio is located just outside Clinton in the direction of Waterville on Post Street. In speaking about the creative process, she noted that she's learned, "The earlier in the process that you are a perfectionist, the better off you are." Bromberg highlighed the greatest challenge of the project as making sure that the piece will "rest square and be level." She noted that the metal materials they are working with come in 40ft lengths and that cutting the pieces with the least waste is one important aspect of their work.

Although she is honored to have the opportunity to complete the project, Bromberg questioned the Hamilton community's respect for artistry. She referred to Mitchell Steven's email last week in reference to the recent vandalism of one of von Bergen's already- present sculptures as evidence of the problem. She expressed frustration because she feels that many community members undermine the artistic process and underestimate the time spent creating what she calls "visual metaphors." She equated working in the studio with science students working in a lab setting." I can't tell you the thousands of hours I have spent in there working on projects like this one," she said.

Bromberg laments what she feels is an "institutional neglect" of the administration toward the needs of the art department. In talking about what is at stake, she commented, " We are here to get a creative education; what we are trying to do is not just a hobby." The two largest problems that she cited was the all too frequent experience of studio art students being repeatedly shut out of classes and the narrow course offerings. For example, the department only offers courses on the histories of particular cultures, lacking such important curricula as an analysis of African art and other minority cultures. She believes that students frequently cannot take the classes they request because the faculty is too small.

Bromberg also expressed disappointment about this year's placement of the studio art projects in downtown galleries since until this year the collection had always been on campus. She emphasized her feeling of the importance of "fostering a sense of community with a respect for community learning"and stated that she felt that placing the alumni American Art collection instead of student work in the Emerson Gallery reflected a troubling subversion of priorities. She stated, "Although the display is important, we seem to have forgotten that this shouldn't be happening at the expense of our current students."

Bromberg is optimistic that the next few years will help Hamilton develop a stronger art department. Although recognizing that our cermaics studios are state-of-the-art, she believes that "other things need to be done, and I want to be involved in that process. The Students Art League was recently reinstated in order to accomplish these goals." She enourages anyone who wants to get involved in improving the art department's resources to be in touch with her.

Although recognizing that the trellis will serve as a physical memorial to the wonderful legacy of Kirkland College, Bromberg believes that," Hamilton emphasizes the skills of writing, reading, and speaking, but every student should have the experience of learning what it is like to design something." She elaborated that artists are the people who are thinking and questioning what is going on in the world, and suggests that we start "meditating on the future of arts at Hamilton and realizing that we need to reassess the role of arts in a liberal arts education and the role of the artist in society."

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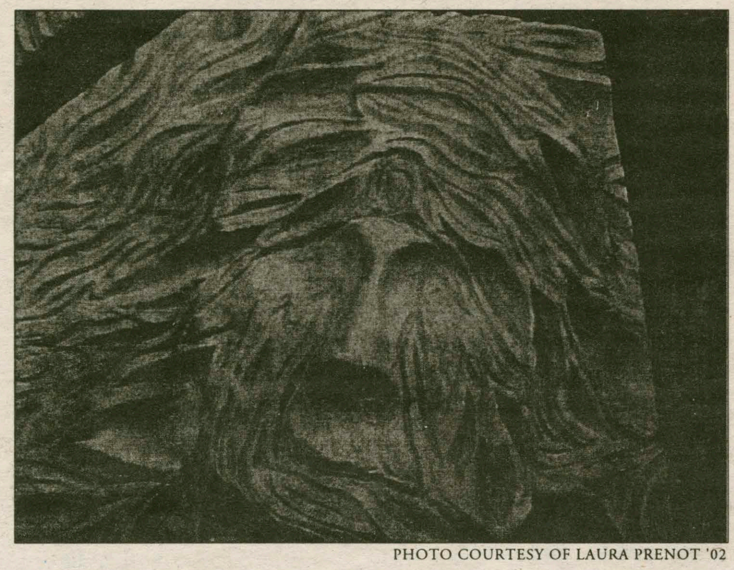
Senior art exhibits display student talent

Alexandra Sear '05 raids the Kirkland Arts Center and Gallery North



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Ceramics concentrator Laura Jane Prenot's '02 work is on display at Gallery North.

Are you thirsting for a little culture? Have you seen all those green and blue flyers posted around and wondered what they were? Are you looking to get off campus for an afternoon but have no where to go? If you can answer yes to any of these, then think about visiting the senior art projects currently on display at the Kirkland Arts Center and Gallery North.

Sixteen studio art majors of the class of 2002 have their semesters' work on display: Meredith Affleck, Jessica Bloom, Ava Bromberg, Lauren Bruce, Kawana Bullock, Emily Chapman, Curtis Confer, Kerrin Damon, Ulana Farmiga, Darren Higgins, Courtenay Kelly, Mitchell Morse, Mary Jane Nichols, Heather Onderick, Maggie Pate, and Laura Jane Prenot. The pieces are from a wide variety of media types, reflecting each artist's concentration, and include photographs, paintings, sculptures, and drawings.

Ceramics concentrator Laura Jane Prenot's final project is on display in Gallery North. It's a 9' by 10' "sculpture" of 40 tiles arranged as a woman in the fetal position. She's been working on it since September under the guidance of her advisor, Bob Palusky. The projects are more than just a single piece of work and represent an entire year's effort for the artists. As Laura Jane says, "A lot of my life went into this piece... I spent more time in the studio in List than I did in my room; it became my home. I even brought in plants." For many of the artists these projects are intensely personal and are a chance to really stretch their talents. For Laura Jane, the piece grew out of the fact that she has "very vivid dreams... they are a big part of my life and are very important to me. Some of the tiles have faces, and each face represents a dream."

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Senior art major Maggie Pate's '02 work is ready for viewing in Gallery North.

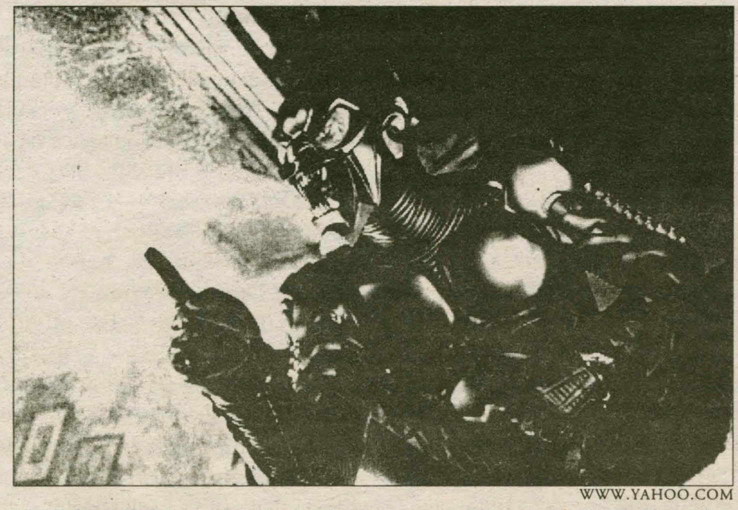
This is the first year that the exhibit has not been on display in the Emerson Gallery. While this means that it's less convenient for the Hamilton community to see the show because it isn't right here on the hill, it hasn't been a bad change. Heather Johnsen, Secretary for the Art Department, agrees the change in location has been a positive one. "It gives a whole new dimension to the work, having it off campus and in the community. The general public gets more exposure to the artists' work, and it reaches more people," she said. She's also pleased with the space itself. "Both galleries are very nice and the spaces really fit the work that is displayed in them," she said. Laura Jane agrees: "It is a new gallery, but it works very well. I'm very happy with how my piece is presented."

Amy Kopriva '02 enjoyed the exhibit and was impressed with the artists' work. She has this to say: "The projects downtown are extraordinary, both in the diversity of mediums they represent, and the quality of the projects. These projects are visual metaphors concerning the artists' college experiences and they deserve our community's respect and interest. I was particularly impressed by the courage of Mitchell Morse to use his talent as a means of promoting social justice."

This is the last chance the seniors will have to showcase their work to the Hamilton community. Laura Jane encourages all of the Hamilton community to come see their friends' and classmates' work. "All of the pieces are absolutely incredible. This is the best senior show I've seen since I've been here!" The exhibits will be up until graduation and the galleries are open Monday through Friday from 1-5pm and Sunday from 2-5pm. Kirkland Arts Center is located in the church on the green in Clinton and Gallery North is on the right of the NBT Bank.

With Great Power Comes Great Responsibility

Darcy Lewis '02 tries Spidey on for size



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Willem Defoe plays the infamous Green Goblin in this installment of *Spider-man*. Odds are that you haven't seen the last of this foe.

The whole atmosphere of the new superhero film Spider-man is spectacular. It's opulent, dark, and fantastical. New York City becomes the Gotham of Batman and Superman, but still maintains the New York City charm and eccentricity that highlights the character of Spider-man perfectly. In this obvious first installment of Spidey's adventures, young Peter Parker gets bitten by the genetically altered superspider that gives him his powers, and he has to battle a nemesis who is perhaps a little too close to his heart - the Green Goblin. The *Batman* and *Superman* franchises were successful (excepting the final Batman installment) because there was a sleek, new feeling to each of the films, but at the same time the superheroes were men who were troubled individuals who were confused about their place in the world. *Spider-man* doesn't stray from this foolproof formula, although there may be more potential for this main character because he is unlike the Bat and Superman - he is neither a foreigner from another planet, nor a man who relies on technical gadgets to foil villains. Spider-man is simply a man under extraordinary circumstances. He has been given a gift, and the film looks at the difficulty presented to Peter Parker as to what he will do with this gift. There is an element of darkness in Spider-man that makes him more human and accessible.

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Kirsten Dunst and Tobey Maguire make a smashing couple in *Spider-man*, now playing at the Clinton Cinema.

Tobey Maguire (*The Ice Storm, Wonder Boys*) plays Peter Parker, the school nerd who metamorphoses overnight into the buff, crime-fighting, webslinging hero. The abruptness of the change is captured brilliantly by Maguire's wide-eyed amazement and ear-to-ear grins. Some hilarious moments occur when Parker tries to master his newfound skills, including a great montage of the different hand motions he tries before finally settling on the patented one. The script is fairly obvious, but in every new superhero film, there isn't much wiggle room in the powers-for-good-or-bad scenario. There is the unavoidable death in the family that results in Spidey's outlook on his place in the world. The theme of the film is with great power comes great responsibility, and the film does an excellent job of demonstrating a spectrum of reactions to power. There are also a number of dynamics set up for

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Artsy Fartsy

She's a member of *Untitled at Large* and tried to start Drive-by Theater ("It got a flat tire I guess!") You've seen her in a number of theatre productions including *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, *The Seagull* and the recent *All Night Long*. You might have also seen her walking around on campus with a silver halo on her head! She has no secrets and loves the audience. Who is this you ask? The last Artsy Fartsy of the year is Johanna Liias '02!

Home? Massachusetts, but I moved there from Hawaii.
Major? Theater and English
Likes? Tea, healthfood, acting, music, pig brooch, tequila, making smores, and the sun, even though I never tan!
Dislikes? grouchy people, broken suitcases, cloudy days
Favorite musician? Anuna- they are mezmerizing!
Favorite film? Pride and Prejudice and the Lethal Weapon series
Favorite actors/influences? Gary Oldman, Maggie Smith, Jeremy Irons and Fiona Shaw
Favorite production I've been involved in? The Seagull. I got to play a drunk girl-basically drinking vodka and stumbling around
Thoughts on graduation? oh god, I'm excited to graduate but at the same time want to keep going to college. I have no real plans. I know it sounds cliche but it's the start of a big journey to who knows where.
The Theater Department at Hamilton? ...is off the wall! Supportive and honest, close-knit and gossipy.
10 years from now? I'll be in a picket-fenced, cape-cod style house with kids and dogs.
Words of wisdom? Sometimes you are the bug and sometimes you are the windshield, so don't let the turkeys get you down!

Alternative Weekend: *Fight Club*

by Whit Rothe '05
A&E WRITER

Are you complaining about nothing to do this weekend? Check out: *Fight Club*.

Fighting has been a way to settle differences since the beginning of the human race. For those of you who are unfamiliar with fighting, here is an introduction. There are two males (females are welcome to fight as well) who encounter a mutual problem. Example: Kevin likes Suzie. Reginald likes Suzie. Suzie can't decide which one she likes. Easiest solution: Kevin and Reginald fight, and Suzie goes home with the victor. Problem solved.

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Brad Pitt is a formidable opponent when you're a member of the *Fight Club*.

Now let's go over some details. There are many forms of fighting, but the simplest is just to use the basic punch. First, form a fist with your hand. You do this by tucking the fingers toward the palm and laying the thumb over them. You then move your fist forward very quickly, at a slight angle, toward the part of your opponent's body upon which you want to inflict pain. Repeat until you are stopped. Punches are most effective when targeted toward the face, the stomach, and the groin area. A fight using only punches is called a boxing match, but if you want it to be more exiting, you are welcome to use other body parts. Feet are acceptable, as are knees, elbows, and sometimes the head. A well-executed and effective head-butt will not only catch your opponent off guard, but may also cause some serious damage. Don't be afraid to be dirty because winner takes all.

Now that you are familiar with the basic premise and some techniques, you may feel that you are ready to start a fight. The best way to initiate one is to really piss another person off, especially if he/she is drunk. Follow him really closely, poke him, slap him around, breathe in his face, dump water on this head, and be persistent. You will know his is ready once he either verbally or physically consents.

Once you have had some practice, you will be ready to start a regular Fight Club. Get a group of your friends together on a Saturday night in a relatively deserted area (in order not to get Campus Safety involved). Bring some refreshments (alcoholic beverages are ok for those over 21) and then lay down some ground rules:

1. You do not talk about Fight Club
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3. When someone yells "Stop" or goes limp, the fight is over
4. Only two guys to a fight.
5. One fight at a time, fellas
6. No shirts, no shoes
7. Fights will go on as long as they have to
8. If this is your first night at Fight Club, you have to fight.

Once those rules have been announced, let the fighting begin. You may fight until everyone is finished. Have a Fight Club whenever you want. You and your friends can switch being hosts. You will find that it is a terrific release and a bonding experience that you will never forget.

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Spider-man

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subsequent films. Parker's relationship with Mary Jane Watson, played by Kirsten Dunst (Bring It On, Dick), is happily filled out, as are the wonderful connections to the Osborns (no, not Ozzy and company), Norman and Harry, the rich father and son that become Peter's mentor and best friend, respectively. Willem Defoe (*Platoon*, *American Psycho*) is absolutely amazing as the conflicted Norman Osborn, who plays off the Jekyll - Hyde split personality with the Green Goblin. One scene in particular, where Defoe bounces back and forth between the scared, confused Norman and the cackling, grinch-like face of the Goblin is jaw-dropping. Newcomer James Franco (TNT's James Dean) plays Harry, Peter's best friend, who teeters between love and extreme jealousy.

The comic book master, Sam Raimi, who directed such cult classics as the *Evil Dead* trilogy and *Spawn*, reigns all of these swirling relationships in, surrounding them with a wonderful world that switches smoothly between the fantastic and the ordinary. Spider-man is a compelling, rollicking film that most definitely establishes the web-slinger as a constant in the theaters for at least two more installments. Spider-man is a complex, conflicted character who will continue to thrill long after the credits stop rolling.

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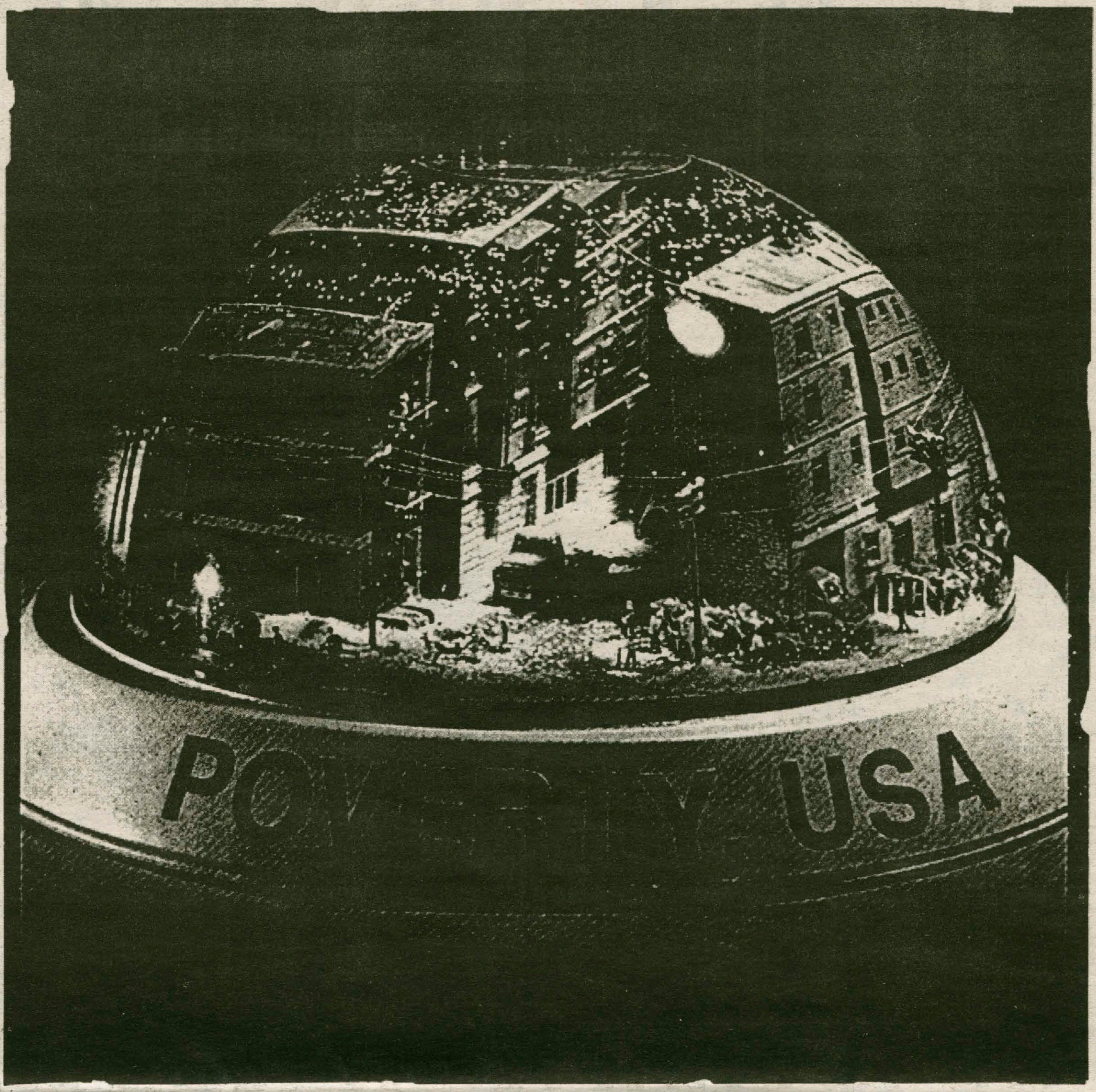

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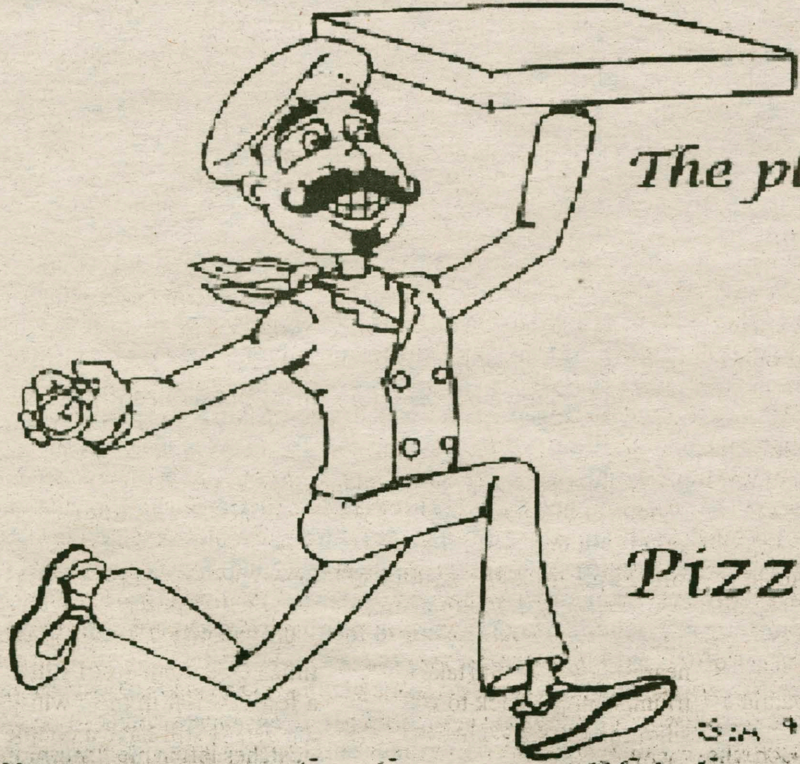

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High honors given to outstanding athletes

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The Riffle Award is given in honor of Jack B. Riffle '50, who served as a Hamilton trustee from 1979 to 1986, and was also one of the most devoted fans of Hamilton athletics in the history of the school.

"He was literally at every game," explained Athletic Director Tom Murphy. "He was maybe the biggest booster ever of Hamilton athletics, and he was a great guy."

Each year, the dinner includes a key-note speaker, as well as a special menu for the nominated athletes and athletic coaches. This year's speaker is current assistant golf coach and philosophy professor Bob Simon, who is the author of a number of books, including Fair Play: Sports, Values, and Society. Simon also served as Hamilton's head golf coach from 1987 to 2000.

Past recipients of the award include current women's basketball coach Julie Diehl, who received the award in 1993, and 2001 recipient Sarah Gloo, who was honored as the top female athlete due to her outstanding play on the 2001 women's lacrosse team, which advanced to the quarterfinals of the Division III NCAA tournament.

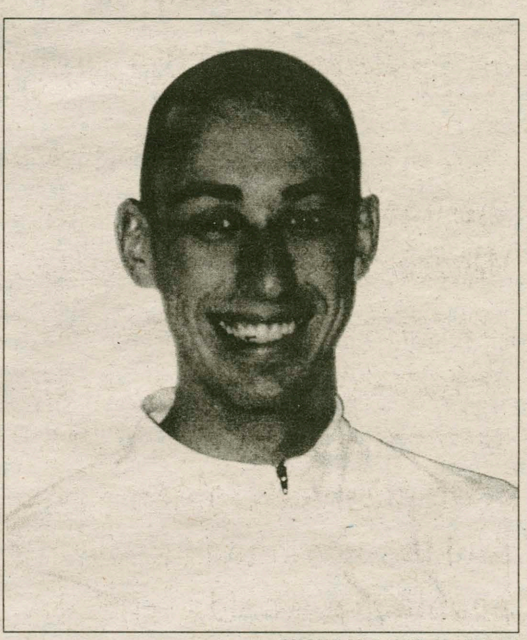
This year, Hanson led dominant women's cross country and women's track and field teams, along the way establishing numerous personal and school records. Hanson, as she has done for the past two years, ran times that qualify for national competition. Specializing in distance runs, Hanson was instrumental in the success of the teams she ran for. An eight-time All-American, Hanson became the first Hamilton woman to win a NCAA Championship by taking first in the 2001 5,000 meter run at the D III Track and Field Championships. Hanson also appeared in Sports Illustrated's "Faces in the Crowd" in 2001, where she was recognized for her outstanding 5,000 meter performance at the Championships.

Most recently Hanson won the 10,000-meter run with an automatic national qualifying time.

Schwenker, who specializes in the backstroke and medley, has been a force for the men's swimming teams of the past four years. He holds the school records for the 100 and 200 meter backstroke, and in 2000 he helped lead the men's squad to an eighth place finish in the D III Championships, which was Hamilton's best finish ever.

Despite his successful Hamilton swimming career, Schwenker, who began swimming on his middle school swim team when he was 12 years old, says that in high school he was not an outstanding swimmer. "Coming in here I wasn't the best swimmer, but I worked hard with Coach [Dave] Thompson and improved," said Schwenker.

Schwenker improved his 100-meter backstroke time from a 1:01 when he entered the college, to a 50.8. Some of Schwenker's other major academic



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Schwenker, NESCAC Swimmer of the Year.

This year Schwenker was at his best, and was named NESCAC Swimmer of the Year. He had been a member of the National team for three years and received six Honorable Mention All-American awards over the course of four years.

Schwenker credits not only his coach, but also the team with helping him to achieve his goals. "We [the swim team] have been described as a cult many times. We're very close. The atmosphere really helps push you and being on the team had made my experience at Hamilton much better," said Schwenker.

In addition, Schwenker, an economics major and government minor, and Hanson, a psychology major, have both consistently made the Dean's List because of scholastic performance rivaling their substantial athletic achievements.

Life is sports: Baseball memories

I miss baseball. I miss it badly. I can't stop thinking about that feeling when you first get to

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the field and the game starts. The way the butterflies start as you get into the on deck circle. The way you drop the donut and stride up to the plate trying to look cocky.

They way you are already thinking about how you want to move a runner or get on base and get a run. The feeling you get just as you start to dig in for the first time.

The tingle that runs from your toes up to your fingers. The way you look for signs, and all the while thinking, "how is this pitcher gonna start me off?" Then you step in, and the butterflies disappear, and so do the sounds of your teammates and fans.

It's you and the pitcher. I miss the sound the first pitch made as it cracked the catchers mitt, and the way you could just smile out at the mound, as if to say, "Is that all?" Then you step out, take a little rub on the barrel, and think, "what is the next pitch going to be?

He gave me the fastball, so now does he want to try a curve, or a change?" So, you step back in, and it hits you like a bolt of lightning as he goes into his delivery: "Change up!" So you sit back and wait on it, and as it drops in over the outside corner, you step into it, throw you hips open, and serve the ball into the opposite field for a base hit.

You hustle down the line and take a little turn, watch the ball, and head back to the base, grabbing a quick glance at the pitcher, hoping he looks your way and you can smile again, just to say, "i told you so."

Then the fun begins, the cat and mouse game with the pitcher and catcher. You look for the sign, take your lead, and get low, dragging your fingers through the dirt. They know you're going, but they don't know when. You have their attention, and that means the batter is in a world by himself.

The pitcher throws over, but he's not in time and your stomach rattles as you dive back into the bag. Then it starts again. He goes home, but his concentration is weak, and he misses high.

Now you have your chance. You catch the sign, and think, "Its go time!" You stride out to a little bigger lead, daring the pitcher to throw over.

You are in his head, and as you drop your hands down and get on the balls of your feet, you know he can't stop it. So you wait, patiently watching his front shoulder, waiting for it to turn towards third, so you can take off, and all the while the butterflies build, as you prepare to cross over and speed towards second.

Finally, as seconds feel like minutes, you get the first flinch, and off you go, not knowing where the ball is, head down, digging for 90 feet in a matter of seconds. The catcher pops and throws, but you have no idea, and just turn up the gear for three more strides before hitting the dirt, slapping your foot to the bag, popping right back up as the tag comes a fraction of a second too late.

Now its the batters turn, and you are suddenly very aware of everyone in the field.

You can feel the shortstop on your hip, and you can sense the second baseman cheating in behind you. You know which outfielders you can test, and you know your teammate is focused on driving you in. So another delivery, or two or three, and then it happens.

You hear that perfect sound of contact and you know its going to fall for a hit. You start for third, and don't hesitate as the third base coach waves you around. You curl out and start your turn early and round third on a straight shot for home.

Cruising, speeding, sprinting for the plate, you slide in as the throw gets cut off. The next batter high fives you as you jog to the bench where the rest of your team waits to congratulate you.

You slide by your coach who can't help but grumble, "Almost got picked off again, huh Mike?" Almost, but in a game in which one one hundredth of an inch is the difference between a hit and an out, almost is just fine.

The inning ends and you sprint into the field, still bouncing with energy from the run, making sure to hop over the foul line, just to be safe; avoiding the little bit of bad luck you don't need.

You warm up lazily, except for a few throws where you fire it, just to warn the other team, "Don't even try to run on me." With every pitch you creep to the balls of your feet, waiting for the ball to get cracked to you.

Finally, after pitches, outs, maybe innings, you get your chance. A lazy fly ball down the line, twisting foul, a long run. From where the catcher is set up, and the pitch the pitcher has thrown, you knew where it was going, you were even leaning that way ever so slightly.

So you take off once again, keeping your head still, eyes fixed on the ball, gloved tucked, but ready to be thrown out there for the catch.

You read it right, grab the right angle, and just as the ball is about to hit the ground, in you come sliding, sweeping the ball off the green grass that it never hits, holding it high for the umpire to see. You heave it to the nearest infielder, and take a nice, triumphant jog back to your position, as if to say, "I had it all the way."

The tingle returns to your finger tips and toes as you wait for the next pitch, hoping you will get the chance to do it again.

I miss baseball. I miss it badly. I miss the feel of the grass, and the crackle of the dirt beneath your cleats. I miss the smell of a my glove and I miss the warmth of the sun. Most of all, I miss the team, those 15 guys who you share everything with for a brief yet seemingly endless two or three hours.

I miss being able to throw my arm around a teammate as we sat on the bench with sunflower seeds in our mouths, talking about how funny the pitcher on the other team looked with his mismatched socks.

I miss leafing through the scorebook, looking for my last multi-hit game, or how many errors we have made as a team, sharing my treasures with the person sitting next to me.

I miss playing pepper before the game and looking at the line-up card to see who was hitting where. I miss baseball. I miss it badly, and no matter how many times I sit down in Section 30, Row 2, Seat 12 in Fenway Park, I will never get those feelings back.

All I have left are the memories, and the former teammates who now serve as friends.

All I have left are the glove and bat, which speak to me every time I pick them up. "I still have a few hits left in me," whispers the bat. "I still have a couple of catches left in me," murmurs the glove. "That may be guys," I respond, "But they will have to wait for another lifetime."

I love our national past time because seconds can turn into hours, and hours can disappear in seconds, when you are between the chalked lines.

Sports

Hanson, Cammarano, Chase lead team at States

by Amanda Chase '03
Sports Writer

The men's and women's track teams competed in the state championship meet this past weekend at the University of Rochester. Strong competition and the first decent weather this season led to many athletes achieving season best marks.

Maggie Hanson '02, Jen Cammarano '03, and co-captain Amanda Chase '03 led the women's team with a win apiece in their individual events. Hanson won the 5000 meter race in an NCAA automatic time. Hanson also took a close third in the 1500 in a NCAA provisional time.

Cammarano took the 3000 meter steeplechase taking 13 seconds off her previous best in an NCAA provisional time, while also breaking her own school record. Cammarano, after being wild-carded into the event, took fourth in the 5000 meter race.

Chase won the women's 800 meter race in a NCAA provisionally qualifying time, shaving three seconds off her previous best and lowering her own school record. Chase was also a member of the women's 4x400 relay and the fourth place 4x800 relay.

Sprinters led the men's team at the state meet. The men's 4x100 team continued their season of greatness with a second place finish at states. Will Lynch '05, Olamide Harrison '05, Elijah Huling '04, and Jeff Corey '04 made up the 4x100 combo. Lynch, Huling, and Corey also competed in the open 100, with Huling and Corey placing in the top eight. Harrison and Huling were members of the men's 4x400 relay.

Chris Dunn '05 placed for the men in the open 800. Dunn took seventh in his top outdoor time. Co-captain Doug Zeyak '02 and Matt Drescher '05 followed Dunn in the 800. Drescher hit his top outdoor time in the race. Dunn and Zeyak were the final two members of the 4x400 relay, while also combining with Drescher and Fletcher Malcom '03 for the 4x800 relay.

The women's team also had a collection of season-best performances. Eleni Venturas '05 and Ruth Leoniuk '05 joined Chase in the 800, with Leoniuk taking three seconds off her personal best. Julianna Allport '05 joined Hanson in the 1500 for her premium performance of the season.

Christine Campbell '04 turned in two strong performances for the women, winning her heat of the 3000 meter steeplechase and running the 5000. Annie Toth '02 took third in the 10,000 meter run for the women. Mara Dropkin-Frank '05 represented Hamilton in the open 400, and was also a member of the 4x400 relay team. Dropkin-Frank, Larissa Hopkins '04, Leoniuk, and Chase pooled their powers to come within one second of the school record in the 4x400.

In the field events, Molly O'Sullivan '05 set a personal record in the 400 hurdles. Co-Captain Kate Clark '02 contended in the javelin and long jump. Dana Kirchoff '05 joined Clark in the javelin and also threw the discus and hammer. She hit a personal best mark in the hammer. Jess Sexton '03 joined Kirchoff in the discus throw.

On the men's side of the field events, Ryan Palmitesso '03 turned in solid performances in the high jump and javelin. Ben Wetsone '05 hit his top pole vaulting mark of the season. Bob Pucko '03 has strong throws in the shot put and discus. Tom Alberi '03 contended in the hurdles.

Three women athletes will continue even beyond this weekend. Hanson, Cammarano, and Chase are all currently ranked in the top ten in Division III for their respective events. Hanson is currently ranked number one in the nation in the 10000, Cammarano is ranked eighth in the 3000 steeplechase, and Chase is ranked seventh in the 800. These women will be headed to St. Paul, Minnesota, on May 23rd for the three day national meet. Hanson is a veteran of the national meet, but it will be Cammarano and Chase's first time competing in an individual track event at this level.

Murphy leaves lasting legacy as Athletic Director

by David Zane '02
Sports Contributer

Since 1979, the office of the director of athletics at Hamilton College has been occupied by Thomas Murphy. This June 30th, however, Murphy will vacate this office and leave scores of memories behind. While the way in which he was forced to step down was handled in a less than satisfactory manner by the institution that he has given so much to, the way in which Murphy handled himself and his staff during this awkward period of transition speaks wonders for the type of person he is.

By speaking with members of his staff, friends and former Hamilton athletes, one gets the sense about what Murphy has given to this place and the people who have passed through it. While Murphy will remain on staff as head basketball coach of one of the most successful men's programs in the nation, his leadership and vision within the department will be sorely missed. "We're not here for a long time, we're here for a good time," said men's soccer coach Perry Nizzi. Nizzi's quote sums up Tom Murphy's tenure as athletic director at Hamilton College. Murphy he has always brought a certain class, dignity, honesty and loyalty to the job and while his success on the basketball court is well chronicled, it is these four qualities and his penchant for making sure that everyone around him is having a good time that draws current students, former athletes, and Hamilton alumni to Murphy.

During his 23-year tenure as athletic director, the department has seen numerous changes. Among the most pronounced changes is in the area of gender equity. When Murphy took over as AD in 1979, Hamilton varsity sports program consisted of 11 male sports and just five female sports; today Hamilton has 14 male sports and 14 female sports. Murphy boasts that Hamilton has more sports than many Division I powerhouse schools. In fact, a quick look at schools much larger than Hamilton indicates that athletes at schools such as Syracuse University or the University of Colorado, which offer a total of 15 and 12 varsity sports respectively, are much more limited in their athletic options.

But, it is not just diversity at the varsity level that Murphy has brought to physical education at Hamilton, he has helped to build both the intramural and the club sports programs. Through these offerings, Murphy has provided athletes with alternatives to competing in varsity sports. He has extended this wide variety of offerings to physical education classes as well by offering such popular classes as golf, badminton and squash.

However, it is ultimately the success of Hamilton's athletic teams during Murphy's 23-year tenure that is his greatest source of pride. "I have hired a good staff and we have very good facilities and that goes a long way towards ensuring that our programs have winning records," he said.

If you look at the building that has gone on during Murphy's reign: he has overseen the renovation of Sage Rink, the building of Bristol pool, the softball field, the new soccer field, the track, the lighted artificial turf field, the renovation of the current fitness center and he put lights on the practice football fields. From all of this one can clearly see that Murphy took athletics from being a small part of the Hamilton community to something that students, faculty and alumni have been able to look at with a sense of pride and accomplishment.

Murphy has many formulas for success, but the key, according to him, is hiring good people. "I hire them [coaches], tell them what they have to work with, and let them do their jobs. If they have a problem they know that my door is always open." Many coaches have thrived under this type of atmosphere and none is more evident than head ice hockey coach Phil Grady, the senior most member of Hamilton's coaching staff, besides Murphy. "He is a great leader and he really lets you run your programs," Grady said. "He never looks over your shoulder to see what you are doing, but you know that if there is ever a problem he's the first guy in line to help."

This philosophy of a hands-off leadership approach has led Hamilton's athletic teams to numerous successes on the athletic fields, however, this was not always the case. When he took over as AD in 1979, Hamilton's athletic teams were not accustomed to success, but Murphy's leadership helped to change this, as he applied the same principles that he had used to turn Hamilton's basketball program to the entire athletic department. However, Murphy has done more than gain notoriety for certain athletic programs, he has put Hamilton athletics on the map, and as a result his name has become synonymous with Hamilton College.

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Athletic Director Tom Murphy's impact is felt far beyond the hill.

"To try and sum up what Tom Murphy has meant to Hamilton College and what his legacy will be is impossible to do in one article," said Peter Ringel, who authored many articles about Murphy and is a personal friend of the coach. "However, it is safe to say that anyone who has ever had to work alongside Coach Murphy knows him to be one of the best, most decent men around and I am honored to call him my friend."

Ringel's sentiment is echoed by countless people on Hamilton's campus and by those who he has touched in his 30-plus years of service to the college.

Bill Coen, former basketball player at Hamilton and current assistant men's basketball coach at Boston College said it best, "Many athletic directors who are in Tom's position [as a coach of a high profile sport] only care about their teams winning, not about all the other sports. He cares about everyone and he wants all of Hamilton's athletic teams to be successful." This is not only evident by the numerous postseason berths that athletic teams have achieved or by Hamilton's dramatic rise in the Sears Cup rankings during Murphy's tenure, but by the fact that you can see Murphy at virtually every Hamilton sporting event.

There is no doubt that his leadership and vision will be sorely missed both within the athletic department and outside of the bounds of Hamilton. Russ Reilly, athletic director at Middlebury College, said of Murphy, "He has a great propensity to say the right thing at the right time. He may say things that people do not want to hear, but he tells the truth and this honesty is one of many things that I respect him for."

While Murphy's honesty has taken him very far, it is his loyalty to players, coaches, alumni and fans of athletics that draw people to him outside of the administrative realm, as his relationships with athletic directors, coaches and former players extend far beyond the office, which is a testament to his strong character. There is no greater example than his friendship with Reilly, as the duo is the undisputed champion of NESCAC Athletic Director golf tournament.

Now that Murphy will have more time on his hands, he has decided to become involved in other ventures. He recently founded the U-Ham Stable, where his prized thoroughbred, Raise an Emblem, is housed and trained. The horse recently took first in a race and had a very good showing at the Three Chimney's Juvenile Stakes at Churchill Downs last weekend and the Murphy is eagerly awaiting his next race at Belmont Park in June. If Murphy is able to carry the successes he has had in guiding the athletic department at Hamilton into horse racing, then there is no doubt that his horse will be extremely successful in the thoroughbred racing world.